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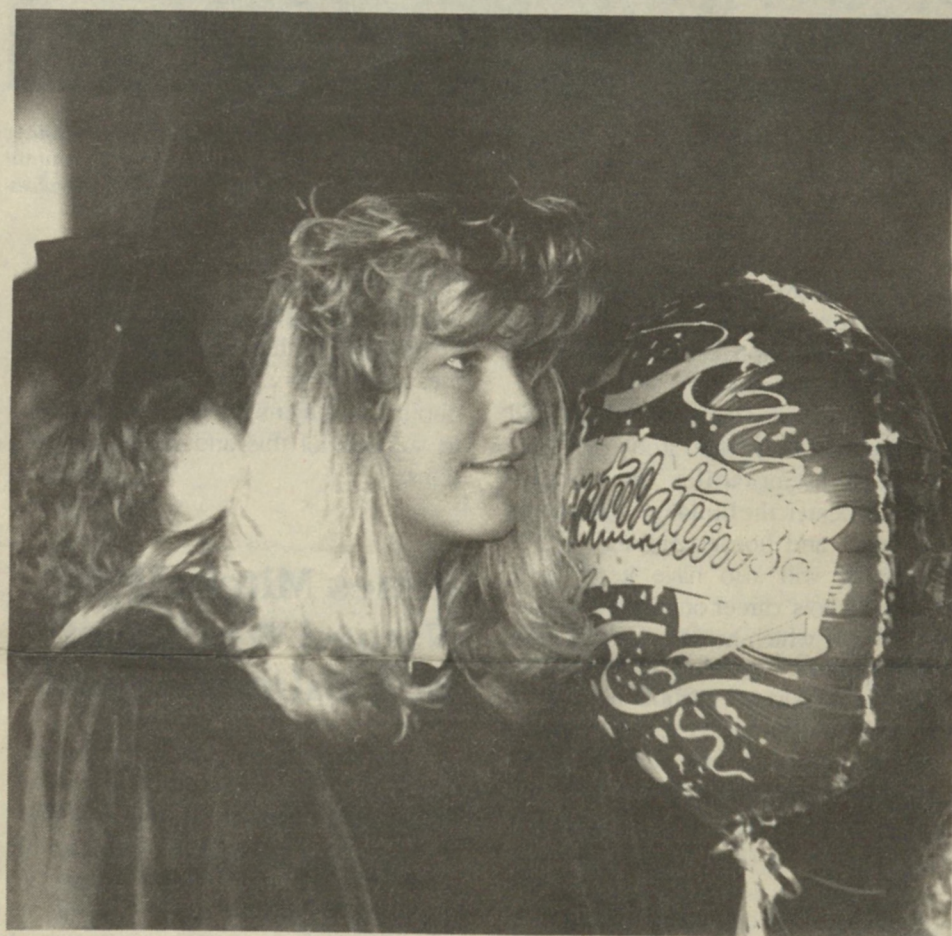
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Deans Named In Business And Nursing

Two new deans will assume their posts at Auburn this summer, one in business and the other in nursing. Danny N. Bellenger, associate dean for academic programs in the College of Business Administration at Texas Tech University, has been named the new dean of the College of Business effective Aug. 1, while Edeth K. Kitchens, Anise J. Sorrell Professor of Nursing and director of nursing research at Troy State University, will become dean of the School of Nursing on June 1.

Dr. Bellenger joined the Texas Tech faculty in 1981 as area coordinator and professor of marketing and was promoted to his current post in 1985. As associate dean, he was responsible for the administration of student and academic computing programs as well as teaching and research. Prior to 1981, Dr. Bellenger served nine years on the faculty of Georgia State University.

A native of Cleveland in Blount County, Dr. Bellenger holds the bachelor's in business administration, the master's in economics, and the Ph.D. in business administration/marketing, all from the University of Alabama. He is the author of four texts on sales, sales management, retailing, and research, and 60 articles in professional publications. While at Texas Tech, he was also



THE BIG MOMENT—March graduate Linda Laumeyer of Daleville heads down the aisle for her appointment with graduation destiny, congratulations balloon firmly in hand. Linda, who received her bachelor's degree in early childhood education, was one of 777 graduates who walked the aisles March 17.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan

named the 1989 recipient of the President's Academic Achievement Award.

The new dean of nursing, Dr. Kitchens, holds the Ph.D. in higher

education administration from the University of Alabama, the master's in nursing from the University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB), and the bachelor's in nursing from the University of Alabama-Huntsville. She also was named the Most Outstanding Graduate from the St. Margaret's Hospital School of Nursing in Montgomery.

Before assuming her post at Troy State in 1986, Dr. Kitchens served as associate professor and chairman of the nursing master's degree program at UAB, where she held various teaching and administrative posts beginning in 1979. Prior to that, she was a practicing nurse and instructor at a number of institutions and hospitals.

Secretary of the Alabama State Nurses Association (ASNA) and a member of that organization's executive committee and board of directors, Dr. Kitchens has chaired a number of committees both for the ASNA and the Alabama League of Nursing. She is a member of the American Educational Research Association, American Nurses' Association, Association for the Study of Higher

Education, Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing, and the Southern Nursing Research Society.

Draughton Library Only Two Years From ARL Status

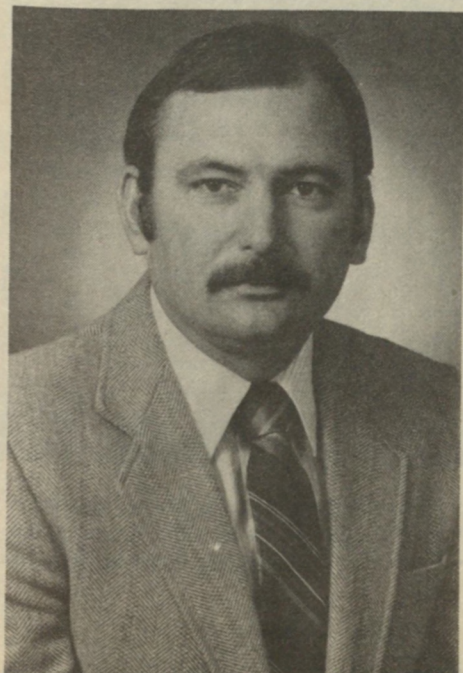
For the second year in a row, Ralph Brown Draughton Library has met criteria for membership in the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), whose membership consists of approximately 110 U.S. and Canadian libraries generally recognized as the top research libraries in North America. In order to qualify for ARL membership, a library must meet the criteria for four consecutive years.

According to Bobby Holloway, assistant university librarian, the level of scoring which qualifies a library for membership is based on five criteria: number of volumes held, number of volumes added during the year, number of current serials, total expenditures, and total staff. Qualifying weights assigned to the five criteria change from year to year, depending on the successes of the 35 charter ARL members. These members include such prestigious libraries as those of Harvard, Stanford, Yale, and the Universities of Illinois, Michigan, and Chicago.

Mr. Holloway explained that ARL membership is indicative of a library's quality and ability to support research, teaching, and extension programs. "Should we continue receiving the support necessary for membership and eventually be admitted to the ARL, the university would be able to use its membership in recruiting faculty and graduate students as well as obtaining library grants."

The current library expansion project should also help Auburn's ARL efforts, Mr. Holloway said, in that it will add space for new acquisitions. "What we need to make sure that we meet the criteria for this year and next is a budget sufficient to keep our library competitive among this group of libraries, particularly in the areas of adding professional staff and volumes."

Currently, Draughton Library holds 1,518,131 volumes, a 4.6 percent increase over 1986-87. Expenditures for the library during fiscal 1987-88 totaled \$7.2 million, up from approximately \$7 million for the previous year.



Danny N. Bellenger



Edeth K. Kitchens

Trustees Approve Architects for Swim Center & Uplink Facility

Meeting on campus March 13, the Auburn Board of Trustees named architects for two campus building projects, including the long-awaited \$8 million university swimming complex.

The Birmingham architectural firm of Charles H. McCauley Associates, Inc., will design the swim center, which is being funded with revenues from an \$8 per student per quarter fee approved earlier in a student referendum. Athletic revenues will also help fund the project.

The enclosed facility, which will be located southeast of the Student Activities Center and is expected to be complete by the fall of 1991, will include an Olympic-sized swimming and diving pool, as well as incorporate the current university pool. The new center will allow the Auburn swim team to host conference-wide meets for the first time.

The board also named Charles Lancaster Architects of Auburn as designers for a \$1.04 million ground station for a satellite uplink facility approved at the board's November meeting. The facility will originate satellite transmissions of information from campus to audiences throughout the state, allowing for broadcasts of Extension programs, lectures, short courses, athletic events, and public relations efforts. The station will be located at the corner of Hemlock Drive and Samford Avenue and is scheduled for completion late this year.

Other actions taken by the board included: ratifying the earlier appointment of Ronald J. Henry, who came to Auburn last month from Louisiana State University, as vice president for academic affairs; approving awarding of 777 degrees for winter quarter; and approving a \$100,000 loan to the Sigma Pi fraternity from endowed funds to refinance earlier construction indebtedness.

Auburn Archives To House Cong. Nichols' Papers

Historians and other scholars wanting to study the career of the late Congressman Bill Nichols '39 will find a wealth of material at the Auburn Archives, including Congressman Nichols' papers. A Sylacauga native and president pro tem of the Auburn Board of Trustees, Cong. Nichols died in his Washington office of a heart attack on Dec. 13, 1988.

Archivist Dwayne Cox said that Cong. Nichols always wanted his papers to be located at Auburn, and that documents have been coming to the archives for years, dating back to 1966 when his congressional career began. The latest collection of papers arrived last month, giving the Auburn archives more than 400 linear feet of documents covering Cong. Nichols' 22 years of service in the nation's capitol. In addition, the archives also has on file approximately 500 pages



MITCHELL HONORED—James G. Mitchell '54, left, recently was awarded the Ben S. Gilmer Award for engineering achievement by Howard Palmes '60, chairman of Auburn's Alumni Engineering Council.
—Photo by AU Photo Services

of oral history transcripts with Cong. Nichols, covering his life and focusing on his congressional career from 1970 to 1988.

Ralph Brown Draughon Library will not be the only repository of Cong. Nichols' memorabilia on campus. Nichols Center, the building which bears his name and houses Auburn's ROTC programs, will also have items from Cong. Nichols' career on display, including a Bible which he carried during his military service and the pen he used to sign the Goldwater-Nichols Act, which drastically reorganized the nation's military command structure. Tentative plans call for a display case for the items to be in use by President's Day, May 11, when a number of visitors are expected at the center.

"Cong. Nichols' family and others close to him knew of the great love he had for Auburn," said Winston Lett, Cong. Nichols' administrative assistant.

"Auburn was close to his heart from the day he enrolled as a student to the day he died. His wishes were that his official files and memorabilia be donated to Auburn so they might be an inspiration to students of this and future generations."

James Mitchell '54 Named Winner of Ben Gilmer Award

Aeronautical engineering graduate James G. Mitchell '54 is the winner of the Alumni Engineering Council's 1989 Ben S. Gilmer Award for Engineering Excellence. Named for Ben S. Gilmer '26, former president of AT&T, the award recognizes outstanding professional achievement by an engineering graduate.

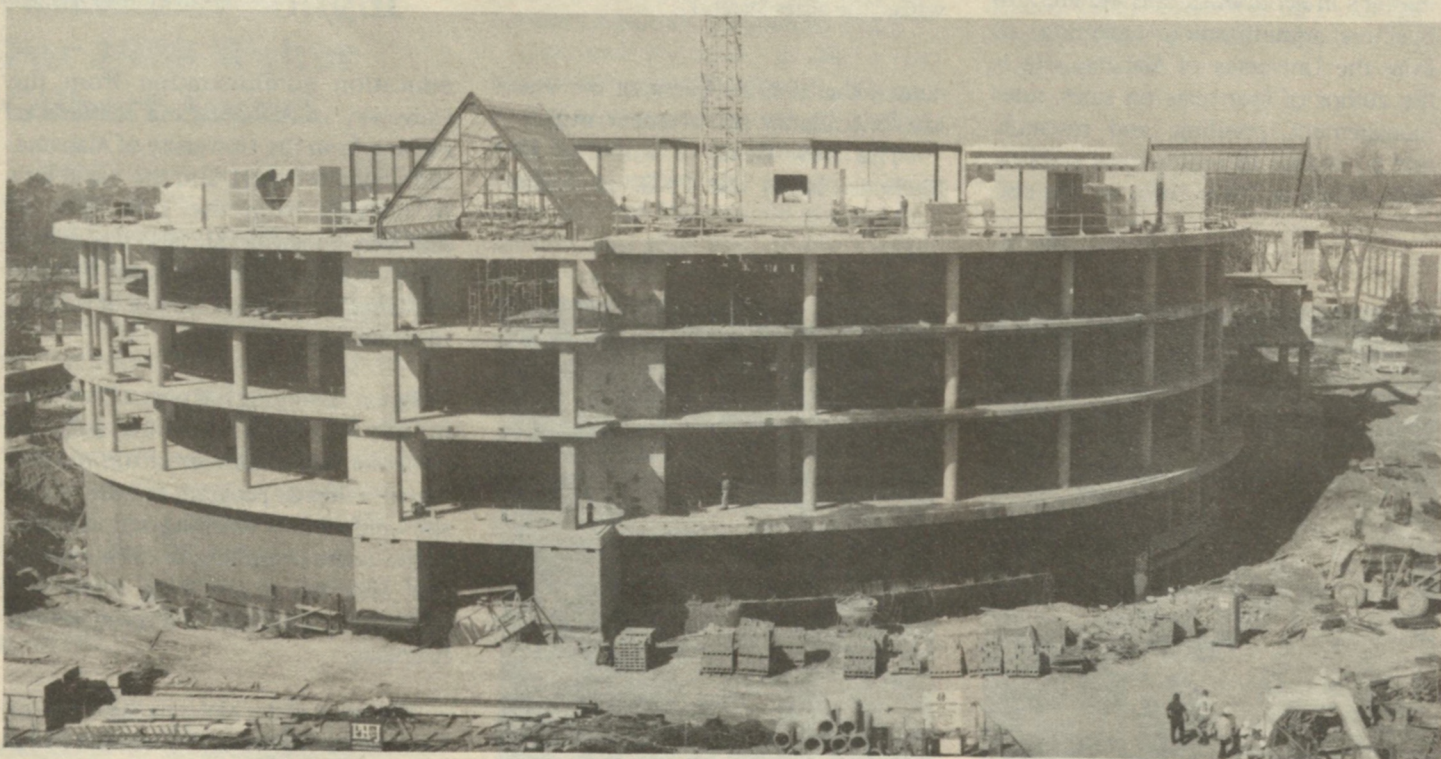
A native of Luverne, Dr. Mitchell developed the concept of new testing facilities that better served aerospace designs during the mid 1960s. Ultimately, Congress agreed to fund the project, and Dr. Mitchell helped push the \$650 million Aeropropulsion Systems Test Facility through 20 years of design, construction, and activation. For his accomplishments, he received the Exceptional Civilian Award from the federal government and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Dr. Mitchell served more than 30 years with the Air Force's Arnold Engineering Development Center in Tullahoma, Tenn., rising to the position of chief scientist in the Senior Executive Service, before accepting the directorship of technical services at Micro Craft, Inc. In addition to his Auburn degree, he holds the master's in aeronautical engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology, the master's in mechanical engineering from the University of Tennessee Space Institute, and the doctorate in mechanical engineering from Vanderbilt University.

Walsh Named New Head of Textile Engineering Dept.

William K. Walsh, professor of chemistry and associate dean for research and graduate education in the School of Textiles at North Carolina State University (NCSU), will become head of Auburn's Department of Textile Engineering on July 1.

As associate dean at NCSU, Dr. Walsh is responsible for managing \$2 million in state research funding as well as an additional \$1 million in other sponsored research. He has also served as director of the doctoral program in fiber and polymer science. In addition to his administrative duties, Dr. Walsh has made numerous academic presentations and is the author or co-author of more than 45 journal articles.



TAKING SHAPE—The new 200,000-square-foot addition to Auburn's Ralph Brown Draughon Library is rapidly taking shape. The \$18.3 million expansion will raise seating capacity at the library to 2,500 and provide shelf space for 2.5 million volumes. Completion of the project is scheduled for fall, 1990.
—Photo by AU Photo Services

Dr. Walsh received his bachelor's in chemical engineering at the University of South Carolina and his doctorate from NCSU. He began his career as a chemical engineer with the Celanese Corp., before joining the faculty at NCSU as a research assistant in 1960. He has held his current position since 1981.

Dr. Walsh is a member of a number of professional organizations, including the American Chemical Society, the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists, and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

AU Now Awarding Near \$1 Million In Scholarships

One out of every 20 students received an academic scholarship from the university this school year, as Auburn provided nearly \$1 million in funds for its student-scholars. Financial aid and business office records indicate that Auburn awarded 962 academic scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$7,500, with a total value of \$971,000.

The university's scholarship endowments total \$3.2 million, providing \$277,800 annually in interest for scholarships. The Auburn University Foundation has additional academic scholarship endowments of \$3.9 million, producing another \$264,600 in interest per year. Combined, Auburn's endowments total \$7.2 million and produce \$542,400 in annual interest which funds approximately 60 percent of the university's academic scholarships. The remaining scholarships are supported by Annual Giving, recurring gifts, and other funds.

Some academic scholarships are awarded solely on the basis of exceptional achievement, though most are presented only to talented students who meet special qualifications. These qualifications include financial need, being from a particular geographic area, or majoring in a designated field of study.

Unrestricted endowed scholarships awarded strictly on the basis of academics included 40 non-renewable Alumni Academic Scholarships, 78 non-renewable \$1,250 Dudley Academic Scholarships, and 10 renewable Dudley Scholarships in 1988-89. Other unrestricted scholarships awarded annually on academic merit are the \$7,500 Vulcan Materials Company Scholarship and the \$6,000 McWane Foundation Scholarship.

Examples of restricted scholarships at Auburn include 15 renewable \$1,250 Presidential Opportunity Scholarships, awarded to minority students, and the \$5,000 Blount Presidential Scholarship, awarded to an entering freshman in either civil or mechanical engineering or building science at Auburn, or pre-engineering at Auburn University-Montgomery.

While Auburn's current scholarship endowment is smaller than that of many comparable universities, two recently-instituted programs promise to dramatically increase the university's scholarship funds in the future. Auburn's vanity tag sales generated \$57,197 during the first three months of availability. All proceeds from the tags, which cost \$50 annually above the regular tax and tag



SCHOLARSHIP DONOR—President James E. Martin '54 recently presented a portrait of Samford Hall to June Anson Williams '53, daughter of the late Charles P. Anson, on the occasion of her establishing a scholarship to honor the memory of her father. Dr. Anson came to Auburn in 1946 as head of the Department of Economics and served more than 25 years. The scholarship will support outstanding students from Alabama who study economics at Auburn.

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fee, are placed in an endowment, the proceeds of which go to scholarships.

Another relatively new venture, the trademark/logo licensing program, has generated more than \$628,000 since 1984. Through this program, the university receives 6.5 percent of the wholesale price of products displaying university logos and trademarks, 70 percent of which goes toward funding President's Scholars Awards—renewable \$1,250 scholarships awarded to National Merit Finalists, the nation's top high school scholars.

McPheeters Named One of Five ACSA Distinguished Profs

Architecture Professor Keith McPheeters was recently honored as a Distinguished Professor by the Association of

Collegiate Schools of Architecture. He is one of five professors selected from nominations made throughout North America. Selection is based on career achievements, particularly in architectural education, plus letters from former students.

Mr. McPheeters served as dean of architecture at Auburn from 1969 to 1988, then returned to full-time teaching. He has also served on the faculties of the Universities of Arkansas and Florida, and as dean of architecture at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

A registered architect in Alabama, Arkansas, and New York, Mr. McPheeters is certified by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards and is a former president of the Alabama Council of Architects. He has won many awards for design and was named a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects in 1977.



GOING ON UP—The new chemistry building, located on Dugger Drive where the old extension cottages once stood, is rapidly nearing completion. The new facility will provide badly-needed laboratory, classroom, and office space to help relieve overcrowding in Saunders Hall.

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AU Researcher Says Gun Availability Leads to Violence

Do guns kill people or do people kill people?

New research by an Auburn sociologist indicates that the availability of guns does increase the number of murders and suicides.

Furthermore, tighter control of firearms such as the AK-47 assault rifle now being scrutinized by Congress would be more likely if people knew the true risk of owning a gun, contends James Gundlach, the associate professor of sociology who is conducting studies of homicide and suicide rates in 76 large metropolitan areas in the U.S., including Atlanta and Birmingham.

"Once people recognize that having guns in the house is substantially more likely to hurt you and yours than it is to protect you and yours, the anti-gun control lobby is less likely to prevail," Dr. Gundlach said. "People with kids must know that they are increasing the risk of their children killing themselves a whole lot more than they are protecting them from some imaginary intruder. Murders have increased in this country largely due to the widespread arming of the population."

Dr. Gundlach's latest work uses a unique method of measuring weapon availability: counting the number of gun stores. He said his findings invalidate the pro-gun argument, "Guns Don't Kill, People Do."

For this hypothesis to be true, areas where guns are harder to get would experience more non-firearms suicides and murders as gun-related deaths decreased, he explained. Further, about the same number of people who would have used guns to kill themselves or others would be expected to resort to non-firearms methods.

"Overall, for each additional gun store per 100,000 people, the number of homicides goes up by .45 per 100,000," he said. "In terms of the homicides, it's clearly the guns that do it."

"For each additional gun store per 100,000 people, the number of suicides goes up by 1.7," Dr. Gundlach added. "However, in an area with one less gun store per 100,000, the number of non-firearm suicides increased by only about .2."

If the common pro-gun argument were true, non-gun suicides should rise at a rate closer to 1.7 per 100,000 for each less gun store, he maintained.

"This tells us that only about 12 percent of those who used guns to kill themselves would have been sufficiently motivated to kill themselves if they did not have a gun available," he added.

Of the 30,000 U.S. citizens who commit suicide each year, approximately 19,000 use firearms. "So, of those 19,000, somewhere between 14-15,000 would have been prevented if guns were not available," he said.

Dr. Gundlach's research also shows that high availability of firearms makes social pressures, such as divorce or unemployment, twice as likely to cause a person to commit suicide.

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Points & Views

Here and There—

A Fond Remembrance

By Jerry Roden, Jr. '46

For the third time this year spring has descended upon Auburn, Opelika, Roxana, and Stonewall. The first two seasons of rebirth arrived prematurely and encountered killing frosts after brief sojourns. The present one made a more timely appearance and seems likely to endure. I certainly hope that it will, for I have had my fill of nude hardwoods and barren brown meadows.



Roden

Something wafted on the breezes of this latest spring has set my mind on a nostalgic bent of musing upon the things that were but are no more, and at moments the memories transform themselves into palpable fantasies such as that which occurred last Friday.

Once again I was strolling down Mell Street past the old Quadrangle on my way from a class in Ross Chemical Laboratory to another in Comer Hall. All along the way I exchanged cheerful greetings with everyone I met, and my heart was filled with joy from the radiance of friendliness and a soft, warm Auburn sun.

The reverie ended, but the visions which arose with it linger and recur, and long-forgotten faces return with bright smiles and cheery greetings along all the familiar pathways of the Village. These memories are born of a tradition well established when I came here in 1941. According to the custom of the time, everyone in Auburn spoke to everyone else he met in all his comings and goings across campus and around town. Newcomers were informed of the tradition soon after their arrival and within days practiced it as if it were second nature.

The most common form of greeting was a simple *hey*, and nothing more was required, but accompanying smiles blossomed naturally with the customary sincerity of the utterance. After a few weeks, the ritual became so deeply ingrained that one found himself observing it in places well removed from Auburn—on the streets of Atlanta, Birmingham, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Nashville, and Mobile—often with gratifyingly favorable results.

The tradition remained in full force during the early years of American involvement in World War II, but apparently began to decline during the latter years of the war and virtually disappeared with Auburn's explosive post-war expansion.

Throughout the years since World War II there have been periodic efforts to revive the custom, and the contemporary "Hey Day" celebrations represent worthy attempts to maintain the spirit of the tradition. However, any real revival seems unlikely. That lovely tradition of intimacy and friendliness developed and flourished when Auburn was more isolated than now and when the world seemed a larger and safer place than it ever has appeared since the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the atomic explosions over Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the revelation of the Holocaust.

We cannot revive a lost tradition, but we do well to remember it fondly and to hope thereby

to gain some of the wisdom necessary to establish a warmer and friendlier new order—one which may survive the next chilling frost.

A Spoiled Brat—A young friend noted with some chagrin that his three-year-old daughter seemed to like being spoiled. I told him that he shouldn't worry, that we all like as much spoiling as we can get, and that I am a spoiled brat delighted that somebody cared enough to spoil me.

Esoterica for Everyone—

A Little About a Book And Its Author

By Bob Sanders '52

I got to talk the other day with a real, live, best-selling author, Anne Rivers Siddons, about her book, *Peachtree Road*. I tend to be so awed when in the presence of such creative talent that I become almost tongue-tied, but she was so charming and easy to talk to that the exchange was, for me, a thoroughly pleasant one.

I had not, I was ashamed to admit, read any of her previous works, one of which was set in Auburn, *Heartbreak Hotel*. Further, I was only about a third of the way through *Peachtree Road*, so my comments in retrospect seem rather inane. At that point, I still hadn't realized the real depth of the book. I also wish I had known, for instance, of her obvious love and knowledge of jazz. Another thing I have in common with a real writer, it pleased me to discover, is an almost worshipful respect for the late Dr. Carl Benson, who made English come alive for any student lucky enough to be in one of his classes.

Several people to whom I have mentioned the book have asked, "What's it about?"

Now that's a hardie. It's about a boy and girl, cousins, growing up in the super-rich section, Buckhead, of Atlanta, and the strange, sometimes tender and sweet, sometimes terrible and traumatic, symbiotic relationship between them. It's also about the changing of Atlanta from a big, sleepy town to an immense, frenetic, devouring megalopolis of a city and the people who made it that way (they, poor things, thought they were doing something good).

It's about the civil rights movement, too.

It has been said that the book is about the great-grandchildren or great-great (or whatever) grandchildren of the people of *Gone With the Wind*. The time frame is from the mid-thirties, when Shep Bondurant is born, up to the present time. He lives with his mother and father at 2500 Peachtree Road. His parents are wealthy. All of his friends are wealthy. They don't really comprehend that other people are not. Yet, young Shep is "sensitive," which makes his florid, blunt father become remoter and remoter, and his mother more loving, in a smothering, sucking kind of way. He withdraws from them both, and, eventually, from most everything; but not before a lot has happened.

Siddons draws her characters well. Lucy, the cousin who comes to 2500 Peachtree Road to live, is a brilliant, magnetic, humming-with-energy leader. She is also just this side of the funny farm, even as a child, and things get worse. Her crutch, the one whose life gets warped by reactions to her crises, is Shep. Oh, she messes up his life to a fare thee well. A fellow reader has suggested that there are many parallels between Lucy's life and Margaret Mitchell's. Hmmm.

Then there's Sarah, beautiful, perfect in every way, Sarah, who epitomizes all that is good in the Buckhead crowd, and whose life is also altered by Lucy.

And, again, over it all, there's the mutation of Atlanta. As Shep says, near the end of the book, about modern Atlanta, "It's loud. It stinks. It's fifty



times too big. It has no grace anymore." I am only a very infrequent visitor to Atlanta, as infrequent as I can possibly manage. I'm glad to see that my surface impression is corroborated by an expert on the subject.

I asked Siddons if she grew up as one of the Buckhead set. Only as a close observer, she said. I had read that she majored in commercial art at Auburn. How in the world, I asked, did she get from being a commercial artist, to being a successful author of novels? Well, she said that she was a good artist but would never, she knew, be a great one; and she discovered early on in her career that she could write better than she could paint, so one thing led to another.

Another English professor who greatly influenced her at Auburn, in addition to the aforementioned Carl Benson, was Ruth Faulk. "She was tough, but she was good." I agreed. Mrs. Faulk also put up with me for a while. Mrs. Siddons is also a member of the Madison Jones fan club.

Whatever it was that Benson and Faulk and company taught her, it took. She is a writer.

Somebody asked me if *Peachtree Road* was worth the time, and I replied that it certainly was, that it was good reading. That was a poor choice of words.

The *writing* is what's good, excellent, in fact. The reading is painful. But Shep, unassuming, put upon, sensitive, reclusive, Charlie Parker-loving, running (nobody's perfect) Shep, has become, in a most unheroic fashion, kind of one of my fictional heroes.

Read the book. It's worth the severe depression it will cause.

Behind the Headlines—

Reunion Brings Memories

By Kaye Lovvorn '64

It's really not possible. It couldn't have been 25 years since Curtis Nolen and I and about 400 others walked across the stage in the old Student Activities Building to receive diplomas from President Ralph B. Draughon and hear a graduation address by Dr. Harry M. Philpott of the University of Florida, under consideration to succeed Dr. Draughon. But the Class of 1964 into which I fell by default, graduating December 16, 1964 rather than with the freshmen with whom I entered Auburn in 1961, will be gathering A-Day weekend to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our graduation from Auburn.

Filling out the reservation form for the reunion brought on a nostalgia attack, and a fast flip through old Gloms reinforced it.

Freshmen women had to have a room in the dorm before they were considered for admission in those days and the women's dorms for fall 1961 were full before I sent in my application. Consequently, Registrar Charles Edwards advised that I come summer quarter, stay out fall, and come back winter when I could have a room in the dorm. So mid-June found me moving into Dorm 10. Paulette Jackson, Carol Conway, Pat Foote, and Joyce Humphries are names that immediately come to mind when I think of the people I met. My roommate, Clara Lou Thompson, and I shared the suite with Shelley from Brundidge and Sharon from Texas, both of whose last names—although not their memories—escape me.

Together we faced the new world, and rules, of college life—hurrying back to the dorm for



the 8:30 weeknight curfews for first quarter freshmen women; observing quiet hours, when you could only talk to your roommate; filling out pink slips for permission from the housemother to go home for the weekend (provided that, on our general permission form, our parents had given us permission to come home any weekend we chose. *In loco parentis* was big in the early sixties, and permission forms filed by our parents with the dean of women determined not only when we could go home for the weekend, but if we could visit our friends' homes or participate in any number of activities including travel by air); remembering to sign in and out when you left the dorm after 6 p.m., or earlier if you were going to be out later than 6 p.m., or if you were going home for the weekend. On the in-and-out card you not only told where you were going but with whom.

If you forgot to sign out or follow other rules outlined in the Co-Etiquette Handbook (including not knowing the rules of the Handbook and passing a written test on it) you found yourself on restriction; i.e., confined to your room after 7:30 p.m. And no one, other than your roommate, was allowed in to see you. Minor lapses brought week-night restrictions; more major ones kept you in on Friday night, or even a whole weekend.

The most extravagant punishment of all, as I recall, brought with it a confinement to campus. As first quarter freshmen we could not imagine what an upperclassman who lived in our dorm had done to be campused, but it must have been exciting. Although she couldn't leave campus and she had to be in by 9, she seemed to lead a glamorous life with a date every night.

And along with the strange rules and rituals of college came the classes—ostensibly the reason we were here. My first quarter, the day started with Prof. Ed Bagwell's 7 a.m. geography class. Although I still cringe at the thought of his early morning discussions of such exotic foods as fried grasshoppers and chocolate covered ants, those of us in his class could identify almost any country and most rivers on a blank map of the world. And we know what all of the countries of Africa used to be called before they gained independence and changed their names.

Later in the day came American history with

Hugh Reagan, whose history lectures were not the same old version we heard in high school. Then came swimming in those awful navy blue bathing suits to which we had to stitch our initials. Those bathing suits looked like something our mothers wore in the thirties, and we'd have died before we'd have worn one to Chewacla, and if a male student somehow showed up at the pool during class we just hoped that those horrible suits and the required bathing caps provided an adequate disguise. The fact that I'd been swimming since I was 5 or so did absolutely no good in that class. Form was all, and I didn't have it. Oh, I could do the synchronized swimming bit at the end of the quarter—I'm removed to that swimming pool yet, everytime I hear the song "A Summer Place" or the theme from "Exodus," both very popular in the summer of '61. On the positive side, those sessions in the pool of Alumni Gym trying to improve my form held the freshman weight gain down and offset the late night munching and study sessions, not to mention the brownies in the dining hall.

First thing after lunch, when my hair was almost dry from swimming (hair dryers were yet to become one of the necessities of life) Joyce Humphries, Pat Foote, another 15 or 20 freshmen, and I all shared Dr. Charlie Rose's freshman English class, my favorite course for the quarter, although there too came revelations as they have to generations of freshman English students.

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Flipping through the Glom reminded me of Dorm 4 where I roomed with Cathi Pickett, and down the hall from Paulette Jackson, and Joyce Humphries. Nearby were Frances Wright and Beverly Scroggins. With Frances and Paulette and Sammie Kay came involvement in the Wesley Foundation and the Wesley Choir, which lessened only slightly when I moved to Dorm 12 a quarter later. And the second floor of Dorm 12 really became home. In this successor to Susan Smith Cottage, also called the girls' co-op dorm, some forty of us planned meals, cooked, washed dishes, ordered groceries, and answered the telephone for each other. Those of us who lived in Dorm 12 became closer than girls in other dorms, because the dorm was smaller and because cooking, washing dishes, and performing end-of-the-quarter and Tuesday night duties, somehow forges friendships faster than just the usual dorm jam sessions and get-togethers. From Maggie Goodwin, with whom I first roomed in Dorm 12 (who got married immediately it seems, and she and Jimmy now have a daughter at Auburn who comes by to see me and always finds me out of the office, although I had the luck to be in one football Saturday last fall when Maggie and Jimmy came by) to Mavis Rash and my roommates in between—Carolyn Phillips (Does anyone know where she is these days?), and Carolyn Franklin—I had delightful friends and roommates. Then there are friends Janice Grace, Mary Carol and Nancy Justice, Nancy McKinney, Patsy Bell, Julia Brown, Alice Ware, Pat Humphries, Joann Adcox, Barbara Brown, Mary Chen, Carolyn Pound, Boykin Callison, Julie Carr, and Amelia Rampy, among others.

Included in my Dorm 12 reminiscences are Carolyn Phillips and Mavis Rash trading quips as Carolyn worked on one of her many collections of materials for her elementary education classes, and of JoAnn Adcox and Lamar Hinds in the living room just after they'd gotten engaged. Of Nancy, Pat, Joann, and I at Joann's home in Camp Hill watching the televised aftermath of President Kennedy's assassination. Of Gracie (Janice Grace as she's listed in the Glom) trundling a grocery cart of sheets back and forth each week from Spidle Hall where a number of us participated in some research project on the lifetime wear of sheets. Of Mary Carol Justice's annual date with Lewis Ward for the Navy ring dance or some annual event the NROTC held. Of Amelia Rampy's inability to wake up for the first two hours she was on her feet every morning. Of the advantages of having the foreign women students live downstairs and expand our knowledge of other cultures including Nepal, India, Vietnam and as a part of the group of Taiwan and Greece.

Each of us has our own Auburn memories, and reunions give us a chance to indulge, renew, and exchange them. I've found out that even those contemporaries who didn't know each other while we were in college—but meet later—share a common fund of Auburn professors, occasions, places, and lore. Consequently, as have the classes who've gone before the Class of 1964, I look forward to renewing friendships and making some new friends at the April reunion. Of course, I particularly hope to see old friends. After all, it was only yesterday we were climbing up the stairs in Samford, sitting on the wall behind the Shop Buildings, staying up all night studying, going to hear the Four Freshmen, moving into the new library, listening to Bob Rea or Turner Ivey, struggling to write an essay for Ruth Faulk or Ruth Brittin or Ruth Wright, or defrosting the refrigerator together.

A Time for Every Purpose

By Mary Ellen Hendrix '84

My azaleas are confused. Just as the first bud tentatively opened into blossomhood toward the end of February, arctic air blasted it with a cruelty only nature knows. But this wasn't natural. That bud had been enticed out of its hibernation by an unusually warm winter. How trusting, how sensitive plants are.

My azaleas couldn't know about the talk of earth's warming, a wondrous spin-off of the greenhouse effect. Or about the trees in the Appalachian mountains that are dying from acid rain. No, my azaleas felt warmth and anticipated springtime too early.

With the overall mildness of this year's winter in Alabama, one wonders what future years will bring. I have the luxury of worrying about my azaleas, but so many others have had their sole source of income destroyed when ricocheting temperatures hit their crops. What's the solution? Will the year 2010 see most of our crops grown within greenhouses because of weather systems gone awry? Is Huxley's "brave new world" around the corner?

The impact of changing weather trends has been less severe in Auburn but has still noticeably affected the events that shape our memories. My father-in-law, James A. Hendrix '59, remembers when football games required cold-weather gear by the end of October. Now we're sweating through the Georgia game in late November. And the early-season games have become almost unbearably hot. (But does that keep Auburn from changing September night games to midday when the big TV money comes knocking? Excuse me; that's a different soapbox.)

We don't seem to have much of a winter anymore. No snow (play) days for Auburn students this year. And we have such a long, long summer, lately characterized by droughts. How does anyone survive without air conditioning these

days? We spend most of the summer going from air conditioned homes to air conditioned cars to air conditioned offices and vice versa. Yet, during my student days in a one-room apartment, the air conditioner didn't really work during the summer anyway. It made noise and dripped water, but it didn't put out cold air unless it was winter. Somehow my roommate Amy and I just felt better having it on. With all that noise, it HAD to be doing something. And students walked a lot. Summer turned walking into a steam bath.

I know students still walk a great deal. But there seems to be an extraordinary number of cars out there—student cars. Except their cars aren't true "student" cars. Student cars, technically defined, have at least 50,000 miles on them, are more than five years old and usually not in anything resembling your favorite color, and are almost always on conditional loan from a family member. Unless you worked your whole high school career—then you earn the right to have bought your own used car.

But not many Auburn students drive true student cars these days. Somehow it bothers me to see so many of these boys and girls driving BMWs. What will they have to look forward to when they make it big in corporate America? Do they appreciate what their parents have given them? And, more importantly, will their parents adopt me? The '82 Stanza my husband and I share, the one with 121,000 miles on it, just can't compete.

Maybe that's the key—competing. We all want to keep up with the Joneses. On second thought, maybe I'm better off with my Stanza. After all, if I drove a BMW, I couldn't drive around wondering how little maturity that sorority girl with the big ADPi sticker on her silver BMW has. (Why would someone ruin a new BMW with that big sticker?) With my Stanza I can still look self-righteously at the overly-tan boy who's clad in dark sunglasses and his BMW and who always pulls up next to me at stoplights. You know the type. He races past you then gets stopped at the same light as you anyway. Then, realizing he's in the wrong lane, he darts ahead before you can even get your foot off the brake. You realize just how smart this fellow is when you get a glimpse of the Michelob Light beer in his hand.

And where do these students go with all these BMWs? They certainly can't park—there aren't any spaces on campus. I imagine they just drive around and around and around. They wave to their fellow BMWers, maybe.

Yes, the seasons are changing. I'm beginning to develop an "I remember when things were tough" attitude. I guess that means I've crossed into the older generation category. I don't understand some of the new breed making up the Auburn student population. May the Lord help them. I hope they're not getting too much too soon.

Like our weather, our society has changed. I miss the naivete of the pre-MTV generation. We think we've grown up, but we haven't. As a society we've really only had more opportunities to display our stupidity. And we have, splendidly. But maybe I should learn from my azaleas. The first bloom may have been sacrificed to the cold, but the plants have cautiously covered themselves with buds once again. As I witness their blossoming, I am reminded that trust, sensitivity, and persistence aren't lost arts after all.



Letters to the Editor

Alum Disturbed By Accusations

Editor, *The Alumnews*:

Like many who have deep feelings for Auburn, I've been very disturbed by the accusations which have impaled the leadership of the Auburn Alumni Association. Although the director of the Alumni Office has taken the brunt of the attack, it also casts unpleasant reflections on the board of directors of the association and, indirectly, on the membership.

In his letter published in the March edition of the *Alumnews*, Dr. Ben Fitzpatrick continues to stir the porridge of suspicion, this time implying that senior university officials and others reviewing the audit of the Alumni Office have been conspiring to misinform the alumni.

Although I have not seen the audit report published in its entirety, published comments provided by persons I consider to be honorable, and who have no apparent reason to be involved in a cover-up, have clearly indicated that (1) there are (or have been) policies in effect in the Alumni Office (predating Jerry Smith) that have outlived circumstances which prompted their initiation, (2) there are other policies of a questionable nature that are desirable but beg explanation and justification, and (3) all policies and procedures employed by Jerry during his administration of the Alumni Office, and associated expenditures of funds, were in accordance with and/or approved by the association board of directors.

On the positive side, the audit also revealed that since the present director has been in charge, there has been considerable progress in management control and documentation of records. This is an interesting finding, and begs the questions, how bad was the record keeping before Jerry Smith employed a Certified Public Accountant to assume these tasks, and who was charged with this responsibility. This is not intended to cast unfavorable reflections on Buck Bradberry, who did a superb job of building the organization, but questions the performance of those entrusted with these duties while Buck was coping with unprecedented growth in responsibilities, assigned personnel, and funds to be administered.

It's an interesting exercise to remember some of the frightening accusations contained in Dr. Fitzpatrick's "confidential memorandum" leaked to the press, and which have been proven to be gross misrepresentations. All indications are that there is more than a coincidental relationship between those who initiated the allegations and those who later "responded fully and truthfully to inquiries made by senior university officials."

I understand that Dr. Fitzpatrick is, generally, a courteous gentleman and able scholar. However, one would expect that a senior professor at Auburn,

particularly one whose area of specialization is mathematics, would have the curiosity to get the facts before signing his name to an inflammatory and demeaning document. A few phone calls would have revealed the false implications of those charges and should have raised the question of the motives of those providing the information.

It is some comfort that Dr. Fitzpatrick is not as deliberately vicious as the memorandum would indicate. However, even though he attempted to excuse himself from the accuracy of the charges with the statement, "Please allow me to state that I have little or direct knowledge concerning the accuracy of these allegations," he allowed himself and his position as chairman of the Faculty Senate to be used in a grossly unprofessional manner. Thus, his actions are not only an unfavorable reflection on his own judgment, but tend to demean the Faculty Senate as well.

It is unfortunate, as indicated by the various allegations he endorsed by negligence, that Dr. Fitzpatrick is not appreciative of the fund raising productivity of the Alumni Office. Under Mr. Smith's guidance, \$50 million has been solicited from private sources in the last three years. But others of us who have deep concerns for Auburn do recognize the importance of this productivity. This is not to indicate approval of funds mismanagement, but to place things in a more complete perspective. Dr. Fitzpatrick and others who impetuously, if not maliciously, imply a fraudulent misuse of alumni funds would be well advised to ponder an observation made by reporter Penny Pool in her article "Smith Has Gotten A Bum Rap." Pool noted that "it is ironic that Smith's criticism is coming from the records he so meticulously kept. And on that subject, if Smith's intention is pure greed, as has been openly stated by others, why did he bring an accountant into the office for the first time? Why have careful accounting procedures been instituted for the first time? Why has the office received favorable audits since he took over three years ago? If someone was trying to steal, would he put a guard at the door?"

The Alabama Ethics Commission and the Auburn Board of Trustees must now complete their evaluations of these allegations, as well as those trumpeted so loudly in the *Montgomery Advertiser* on 19 January, regarding the settling of Mrs. Huff's estate. When they study the facts, including talking (as I have) with Tom Tabor, the CPA handling the Huff estate, I have no doubt they will find that Jerry Smith has acted, in all matters, in accordance with the established code of ethics for public officials and personal standards of conduct expected of Auburn representatives.

This includes the issue of the Auburn Spirit (credit) Card agreement with Colonial Bank, which continues to be questioned. In the absence of formal, closed bidding procedures, the selection committee not only had a legal right,

but an obligation, to actively seek through competitive negotiations the best possible deal for the Alumni Association. Considering the make-up of the committee which found the Colonial proposal to be the most advantageous, I have no reason to doubt that their decision was in the best interest of the university.

It is important to remember that Jerry Smith did not unilaterally make this selection. His appointment to the board of directors of the Auburn Colonial Bank, although untimely, is certainly not an unprecedented action. Many past and present high officials in the academic world hold such positions of leadership in various financial institutions around the state. Nevertheless, in accepting this appointment, as well as the fee he received for assuming the responsibilities of an executor of the Huff estate, I'm advised that Jerry sought and followed legal and supervisory guidance.

The various investigations ensuing from these assorted charges may be healthy in the sense that numerous questions concerning the (seemingly) privileges enjoyed by higher level personnel working in the Alumni Office, dating back long before Jerry Smith was employed there, have been exposed to public scrutiny. The board of directors of the Auburn Alumni Association can now justify these privileges or effect corrective changes. In making these changes, however, it would be advisable to recognize the value of spousal contributions and an atmosphere of dignified affluency when soliciting gifts from well-heeled alumni and friends of Auburn.

But this is quite a secondary issue to those participating in this scourging. The obvious objective of those providing information to their surrogate spokesmen is not to effect policy changes, but to force a leadership change by destroying the reputation and effectiveness of the director.

Mr. Batey Gresham, President of the Auburn Alumni Association, has unequivocally defended Jerry Smith while hesitating to publicly identify the source of the problem. But he is fully aware, as many of us are, that there are two individuals, in particular, in the Alumni Office who are obviously disgruntled with the appointment of Jerry to this position and the changes he has implemented. It's to be regretted that very able individuals who have contributed creditably to the success of the Auburn Alumni Office have been unwilling to adjust to new leadership.

Internal disagreements and debate are welcome contributions in any modern organization; however, an unquestionable requirement for the smooth functioning of a business is that once the boss makes a decision, employees must support the decision with a professional effort—or leave. And the Alumni Office, with its complex operation and wide-ranging responsibilities, is a fairly large business, not a debating society. Trying to pose this

malicious campaign as justified whistle blowing is a pious facade that doesn't wash.

If Jerry Smith is to be faulted as director of this office, it is for an initial lack of sophistication that is learned, often the hard way, from the harsh realities of the business world. This was partly evidenced in his failure to perceive, early on, that the individuals involved in this disloyalty would not be able to acclimate to his leadership or constructive changes in procedures and controls. Perhaps circumstances of influence unique to this job precluded Jerry from placing in these key positions personnel more compatible with his management philosophy. It seems clear now, however, that this ill-advised campaign of malevolence has made it unwise for these dissatisfied employees, regardless of capabilities and experience, to be retained in the Alumni Office in any capacity. This is not a problem that Jerry Smith can now correct, but one which should be addressed by President Martin and Mr. Gresham as quickly as possible.

Short of any adverse revelations more factual than those published to date, I have no doubt that the vast majority of the Auburn alumni will support the retention of Jerry Smith as director of the Alumni Office. Auburn folks generally have strong feelings about fair play. And there's a stench about this affair that is very offensive to this sense.

Fred H. Carley '49

Guns & Violence

(Continued from page 3)

"When pro-gun lobbyists use the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to promote their cause, it is probably the most classic case of quoting out of context," Dr. Gundlach continued. It reads: "A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

"A well-regulated militia does not mean that any 18-year-old can walk into a gun shop, plop down some money, and buy a semi-automatic weapon complete with instructions on what parts to change to make it fully automatic," Dr. Gundlach stated. "Up to 19,000 deaths by suicide is not a well-regulated militia... 12,000 homicides is not a well-regulated militia," he said.

"One of the first things many people in this country do when they get a gun is fantasize about using it as a means of winning an argument with an enemy, not using it to defend a nation. Many poor individuals with low self esteem and without good jobs begin to attach themselves to these other macho symbols," he said. "One of the major criminal theories is the opportunity theory. In other words, if you give a teenager a gun, that increases his opportunity to commit a crime."

Alumni Association News

Alumni Center's Dedication Set Saturday, May 6

The presentation of the Alumni Association's 1989 Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Awards and the dedication ceremonies for the new Auburn Alumni Center are both set for Saturday, May 6, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Two teaching awards are presented annually by the Association in recognition of outstanding undergraduate instruction, regardless of research or other scholarly activities. The award winners are selected by a committee of the alumni board, based on the recommendations of a committee of retired faculty members. Nominations for the awards come from former and present students, as well as colleagues and fellow faculty members. The award presentation will be held in the Alumni Center atrium.

At 11:00 a.m., ceremonies will get underway to mark the official dedication of the Auburn Alumni Center. Scheduled activities include remarks by Alumni and Development Executive Director Jerry F. Smith '64, President James E. Martin '54, and Alumni Association President Batey M. Gresham, Jr., '57.

Reunion '89 Plans Feature Henry, Band, A-Day Game

Former Auburn pharmacy-professor-turned-professional-speaker Robert H. Henry, the nationally-known show band "Fall Guys and a Gal," and the annual Tiger football intrasquad A-Day game will be the main attractions at Reunion '89, set for Thursday, April 27 through Saturday, April 29. The reunion, honoring the classes of 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, and 1969, will begin with registration and campus tours on Thursday and end Saturday afternoon with the annual A-Day Game at Jordan-Hare Stadium.

Assistant to the dean and assistant professor of pharmacy at Auburn from 1975 to 1978, Mr. Henry is now one of the most sought-after humorous and motivational speakers in the country, traveling an average of 5,000 miles per week and logging more than 125 speeches annually. For his efforts, he received the 1988 Cavett Award, presented annually by the National Speakers Association to recognize the top professional speaker in the nation.

Based in Gainesville, Fla., "Fall Guys and a Gal" have appeared in a number of nationally-syndicated television programs and opened shows for such entertainers as Sammy Davis, Jr., Don Rickles, and John Davidson. The band plays a wide range of music, including

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big band sounds, movie themes, jazz, country, and contemporary pop tunes. For those who prefer variety with their music, band member Jack Williams stars in the "Fall Guys Pantomime," a comedy act which he performs during breaks in the music.

Office of Alumni & Development Now At (205) 844-ALUM

The Office of Alumni and Development now has a new phone number,

thanks to a new campus-wide phone system which began operation March 20. Callers needing alumni or development may now dial (205) 844-ALUM to reach the office's central switchboard.

All campus numbers which formally began with the 826 prefix will now have the new 844 prefix, though many campus numbers have retained their final four digits. Those unable to reach campus locations using the new prefix and the former final four digits may dial university information at (205) 844-4000.

Updated directories are available for \$2 from University Relations, 23 Samford Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849.

Reunion '89 Shedule of Events

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Noon - 5:00 p.m.	Registration - Auburn Alumni Center
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Campus Bus Tours - Hourly From Alumni Center
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Reunion Reception - Alumni Center Atrium
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Welcome Dinner - AU Hotel & Conference Center

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration - Auburn Alumni Center
10:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Mini-Seminars - AU Hotel & Conference Center
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Class Social Hours - AU Hotel & Conference Center
6:30 p.m.	Class Dinners - AU Hotel & Conference Center
8:00 p.m. - Midnight	Gala Reunion Ball - AU Hotel & Conference Center

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Registration - Auburn Alumni Center
10:00 a.m.	Class Pictures - Location TBA
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Keynote Luncheon - AU Hotel & Conference Center
1:30 p.m.	A-Day Football Game - Jordan-Hare Stadium

War Eagle Travelers Have Five 1989 Trips Still Available

Five tours still remain on the 1989 War Eagle Travelers schedule. Trips with vacancies still available include: "Pathways of Peter the Great," a land/sea trip highlighting Moscow, Leningrad, and Helsinki, Finland, scheduled for Aug. 8-21 (the first booking, June 6-19, is already filled); Classic Italy and the Swiss Alps, touring Rome, Florence, Venice, St. Moritz, and Zurich, June 22 - July 6; Gota Canal, visiting Stockholm and Goten-burg, Sweden, and Oslo, Norway, July 11-23; Nova Scotia and Maritime Canada, featuring Boston, Yarmouth, Halifax, and Prince Edward Island, Aug. 2-14; and Mediterranean/Greek Isles, cruising the French Riviera, Italy, Greece, and Turkey, Sept. 3-16.



Michael Harris '79

Michael Harris '79 Joins Alumni and Development Staff

Michael W. Harris '79, associate director of development for the School of Forestry, is the newest staff member in the Office of Alumni and Development.

An aviation management graduate, Mr. Harris served in the Navy from 1981 to 1988, finishing his active duty as commander of the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Greenville, S.C. Earlier, Mr. Harris served as main propulsion engineering officer, deck operations officer, and main engine and auxiliaries engineering division officer aboard the frigate USS Patterson. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Auburn with their son, Chad.

In his new position, Mr. Harris will work with the executive director of development and the dean of the School of Forestry to seek private support for forestry through contacts with alumni, businesses, and foundations.

Features

Jim Sellars Moves From Cows To Camels as Interior Designer

By Dodgie Shaffer

Reprinted from *Montgomery* magazine

"I like to take risks," says Jim Sellars '65, whose willingness to do so has taken him from tending dairy cattle to designing for demanding clients on an international stage. "I'm willing to take them even if I have a lot of responsibility for my clients and for the people who work for me. Sometimes in Cairo, Alexandria, and Cannes I have as many as 12 imported craftsmen working on my jobs."

Had a soothsayer spoken to Jim Sellars when he was a young boy working on a Snowdown dairy farm, her projections would have seemed as unlikely as a cow with a side saddle: Sellars' journeys have taken him from cows to camels. "But," he says, "what I learned on that dairy farm about discipline is just as important for interior design as it is for cows. Clients and cows are alike in a way: they don't wait."

Almost languidly, Mr. Sellars leans against his Louis XIV mantel that rises above chestnut parquet floors from a French chateau—two of the many treasures in his recently completed Montgomery condominium. He has an apartment in Cairo and a studio in Cannes, but they are primarily work places. He is in Montgomery these days, finishing work on the condominium that houses some of the cream from his years of collecting furnishings and art in Europe, the Middle East, and in this country.

Mr. Sellars is an interior designer for an important Egyptian family—surnamed Maghraby and Mansour—with houses in Cairo, Alexandria, London, and the south of France. He has done interiors in all these places. He describes his patrons as "affectionate and competitive, good cooks and constant entertainers, closely knit and reminiscent of Southern families." Their ties include Egyptian presidents Sadat and Mubarak, as well as the French and American ambassadors to Egypt. A family ancestor is Kemal Ataturk, founder of the Turkish Republic: a picture of Mustafa Kemal stands on a piano along with other family pictures in one of their Cairo flats.

Their various houses are a matter of great pride—and competitiveness—for this large and peripatetic family. When Mr. Sellars completed a villa for one of her sons, a family matron said to him, "You make for my son a nice house—now make for my other son a house just a leetle (sic) bit better."

As much as he has traveled, Mr. Sellars has stayed in touch with his roots: Auburn comes into the conversation. "Auburn is important to me. I remember when I left Snowdown in the sixties to enter Auburn as a freshman, I stopped



DEAN OF DESIGN—Jim Sellars '65 has gone from tending dairy cattle in Snowdown as a young boy to doing interior design work for some of the most wealthy families in Egypt and Europe.

—Photo by Carl Bergquist

the car in Tuskegee. I was scared. Auburn seemed so big and strange. I started to go back home, but somehow I got up my courage and went on."

After graduating from Auburn with a Fine Arts degree, Mr. Sellars was art director for educational television in Auburn. That's where his interest in set design started. "And I'm still doing sets—I hope good sets—because interior design is creating a set."

Two members of his Egyptian patron family studied agriculture at Auburn. Their extensive holdings still include cotton production, as they did in the days of King Farouk, an uncle of the clan. It was through this Auburn connection that Mr. Sellars met, through a friend, the family who are now his clients. They asked him to do the interiors of a villa in Cannes.

At that point in his life, Mr. Sellars had been to Europe once—and then briefly—and spoke no French. On the face of it, the job seemed impossible. He had to go to Cannes and arrange for French-speaking carpenters, painters, plumbers, and workmen to completely renovate and furnish a villa—not to mention the formidable job of buying the furnishings and creating a "set" his demanding clients would like. The

courage it took to go from Snowdown to Auburn was again tested—and again he pressed on.

But in Cannes, fate presented a bilingual friend: Mr. Sellars found Nicole Riddle, who had lived in Montgomery for many years and returned to the south of France, whence she came. Nicole was a great help in introducing him to those he needed to know to get the job done; her interest was in buying and selling antiques.

Mr. Sellars talks of many others who have opened doors and smoothed the way for him in his career. Eugenia Tuttle of Montgomery taught him some fine points about furniture. He worked with her designing and executing the sets for the TV productions of "A Christmas Memory" and "The Thanksgiving Visitor," both written by Truman Capote and filmed at Pike Road. And he talks of his family, his parents, and his brother who handles all his business—business which gets complex with all the translating and transporting from one country to another.

"I think it's important for people to do what they say they will do for other people. I spend a lot of other people's money and that is a responsibility." He has had the responsibility of doing a

penthouse in Cairo overlooking the Nile and a two-story condominium in Alexandria which overlooks the Mediterranean. Mr. Sellars is working on the interior of a house in Chester Square in London, and a country house outside Cairo awaits his touch. Then there is another villa in Cannes and another house in London in the works. Recently, he helped Madame Mubarek, the wife of the Egyptian president, with her London house.

Mr. Sellars' latest sojourn in Europe and Egypt lasted 11 months. He says his work abroad has made him appreciate this country. "I am close to my family," he says, "but I like Egypt, France, England, and Italy. If I have a favorite spot, it is France. Of course, in all these countries, the work ethic is different from ours. We think we don't have a good work ethic in America, but we do. In Europe they tend to go to work late, take long lunch hours and numerous holidays in addition to closing down most everything in August. This splits up the work terribly. And then there is the month-long religious holiday, Ramadan, in Egypt. It is a month of all-night feasting and celebration—you can imagine how much work gets done during the day. There are few codes and standards for electrical and plumbing work. But European architecture and interiors are, to me, the greatest. I am coming to get a taste for Middle Eastern architecture but it has taken time to appreciate it. I love being over there. On the other hand, I like my apple pie. What more can I say?" Mr. Sellars still appreciates turnip greens and cornbread, the "wine" of the local country, as much as he does food in the five-star Chanticleer restaurant in Nice.

Mr. Sellars tries to be positive about others' religions, but he is constantly made aware of the basic differences in the Moslem and Christian approaches. "The Maghrabys and the Mansours are cosmopolitan and have lived in western Europe and the United States, so differences there are not as great. But I deal with many Moslems who have not had the advantages of this family, and they are vastly different in their outlook. There is common ground, but you have to look for it. You also have to remember that I am not seeing that part of the world as a tourist. I work there. This puts me in close contact with Moslems who stop work several times a day to drop to their knees and pray. These same Moslems feel a father would have no recourse except to kill a daughter who was found to be promiscuous."

We had been talking of Mr. Sellars' past and of his work: all of a sudden, he seems to want to talk about the future. His Egyptian clients are skiing in France; he will meet them in London soon. They will go to Cannes and discuss the villa there, and Mr. Sellars will be back doing what he likes to do—taking risks and using his dairy-farm discipline and his Snowdown-to-Auburn courage yet again.

Rabren Realizes Boyhood Dream As Director of Forensic Science

By Mike Jernigan '80

Some boys grow up wanting to be astronauts. Others dream of becoming doctors. Carlos Rabren '66 always wanted to become a forensic pathologist.

Director of the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences since 1978, the amiable Mr. Rabren still recalls the first autopsy he attended as clearly as most people remember their first kiss. He was 15. "I was playing with three friends at the Auburn home of Dr. Paul E. Shoffeitt '37, then the assistant director of forensic sciences, when he got a call to go to Opelika to conduct an autopsy on a woman who had been shot," Mr. Rabren remembers. "We all four had talked about becoming doctors one day, so Dr. Shoffeitt invited us along. It turned out like a lot of the autopsies on the old "Quincy" television show. Four of us went in, but by the end, only one was left. I helped Dr. Schoffett find the bullet."

From that day on, young Rabren was hooked. He began accompanying Dr. Shoffeitt to crime scenes and autopsies regularly, and in 1962, began working at the department's state headquarters in Auburn as a volunteer while studying chemistry at the university. "My professors must have wondered why I majored in chemistry," Mr. Rabren says, "because I certainly wasn't a natural at it. But I needed to get through it if I hoped to make forensics a career."

Rabren still recalls his first autopsy like most people remember their first kiss.

As a student volunteer, Mr. Rabren learned the profession from the bottom up, sorting evidence, operating equipment, and doing odd jobs. Two weeks after graduation, he went full-time with the department, and soon found himself responsible for all forensic investigations in 34 of Alabama's 67 counties.

"At that time, we used to personally go to almost all crime scenes, so I stayed on the road constantly," Mr. Rabren says. "It seemed like I always got a call whenever Auburn had a home football game, and off I'd go to conduct an autopsy. I thought nothing of working 70 or 80 hours a week. At that time, forensic investigators were all generalists, meaning I did everything from crime scene work to autopsies. Now, we are much more specialized."

The experience he gained as a generalist, however, he now sees as invaluable. For in the process of traveling, he met and learned from many of the men instrumental in the formation of the state's forensics laboratories and the establishment of their headquarters at Auburn in 1935. Their pictures—along with an oil portrait of a young Mr. Rabren and Dr. Shoffeitt performing an auto-



LABORATORY DETECTIVES—Since becoming director of the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences in 1978, Carlos Rabren '66, right, doesn't spend much time in the lab anymore, though he says lab work is one of the most interesting aspects of forensics. But he still finds time to keep up with lab projects, such as the blood testing work conducted by Sherwin Boswell.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan

psy—peer down at him now from the walls of his office, as if keeping an eye on their one-time pupil. "I was very fortunate in that I worked with five or six of the original people who started this department," Mr. Rabren says. "I rode here and there with them on the way to crime scenes and we'd talk. I feel privileged that I spent time with those folks. I just happened to come in near the end of their careers, and they were good enough to share their years of experience with me."

In addition to learning from his mentors, Mr. Rabren also picked up a second degree—earning a master's in pharmacy from Auburn in 1972 while working up to 100 hours per week. His perseverance paid off in 1973 when he became the department's deputy director, where he served five years before being appointed to the post he now holds. In an office just down the hall from where he once sorted evidence as a student volunteer, Mr. Rabren now oversees a statewide operation with 142 employees and offices in Huntsville, Montgomery, and Mobile, as well as Auburn.

In an average year, the department handles more than 18,000 cases, running the gamut from serology, the study of blood; to forensic pathology, autopsies; toxicology, poisons; handwriting and documents; drug chemistry; trace evidence; crime scene assistance; and firearms and tool-mark identification. While Mr. Rabren's primary responsibility these days is management and administration, he still responds to a crime scene on occasion. And though he doesn't miss the 100-hour work weeks of his earlier days, he does regret that he can't spend time in the lab anymore.

"Working cases is the most fun you can have," he says with conviction. "There is a certain satisfaction in using the clues to recreate a crime and find the truth. Man is the most interesting and unpredictable animal on Earth, and sometimes it's hard to believe what he's capable of doing."

It may also be difficult to convince a jury what a man is not capable of. Asked to name his most satisfying case, Mr.

Rabren recalls several, but one stands out in his mind. "The police had a mentally-ill suspect charged with the double murder of his parents," Mr. Rabren explains, warming to his subject. "I went up to the scene, and after re-enacting the crime, saw that the murders could not have occurred the way the police said. So we had to get everybody connected with the case to the scene, re-enact the crime again, and disprove all their theories one by one."

"The evidence showed that the father, while drunk, had accidentally shot his wife, then killed himself, but the problem involved overcoming everyone's bias towards the mentally-ill," he continues. "Even after the police investigators realized the son was innocent, the case still had to go to trial because the suspect had already been charged. Then the jury refused to believe his innocence, so we had to re-enact the case again to convince them. In the end, however, the truth prevailed."

Mr. Rabren emphasizes that finding the truth—whether beneficial to the prosecution or the defense—is the chief responsibility of the forensics department. "We are truth-seekers, not part of

Forensics Lab Part of Auburn Since 1935

Thanks to the efforts of three men, two academicians and the other a lawyer, Auburn has served as the site of the headquarters of the Alabama Department of Forensics since its founding in 1935. The second-oldest state forensics laboratory in the nation owes its beginnings to Hubert W. Nixon '21, state toxicologist at the time; Cliff LeRoy Hare, class of 1891, state chemist and long-time dean of chemistry at Auburn; and Thomas E. Knight, Alabama Attorney General from 1930 to 1934 and lieutenant governor from 1934 to 1938. The laboratory is located on Wire Road, across the street from the College of Veterinary Medicine.

As state toxicologist and chemist during the 1930s, Nixon and Hare were often called upon by state authorities to examine the carcasses of farm animals accidentally poisoned by fertilizer containing arsenic. Occasionally, they examined human tissue as well, when people were poisoned with arsenic, either by accident or design. These examinations were not conducted on a regular basis, however, only when there was some question as to cause of death or illness.

In his post as attorney general, Mr. Knight was involved in the prosecution of the infamous Scottsboro Boys case in 1931, where a group of nine young black men were charged with the rape of two white female transients, but nothing could be conclusively proven because of the lack of hard scientific evidence. The guilt or innocence of the group rested solely upon the testimony of the two victims, whose reliability was under question throughout the trial. The defendants in the case became national celebrities through the efforts of the International Labor Defense, a communist organization, and the case

became an indictment of Alabama's judicial and law enforcement systems as well as its civil rights record.

Shortly thereafter, the 1932 New Jersey case of the kidnapping and murder of the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, one of America's most famous couples, drew national attention. The criminal, German-born carpenter Bruno Richard Hauptmann, was convicted in 1935 through the use of forensic evidence—in particularly wood and handwriting analysis. The highly-publicized case marked one of the earliest instances in which such evidence was so instrumental in solving a crime.

Frustrated by his lack of similar strong forensic evidence in the Scottsboro trial, Mr. Knight proposed that Alabama establish a forensics laboratory. As the state's top chemistry experts, Mr. Nixon and Dr. Hare were instrumental in the decision to locate the new department in Auburn. Mr. Nixon became the first director of the resulting Alabama Department of Toxicology (later the Department of Forensic Sciences), which was begun with an original appropriation of \$8,000, and preceded the establishment of the Department of Public Safety, Alabama's state police, by several months.

The headquarters has remained in Auburn ever since, although the department now has offices across the state, more than 140 employees, and a budget in the millions of dollars. The department director is appointed by the state attorney general and can be removed only by the governor. In its 54 years of operation, the department has had only three directors— Mr. Nixon, C.J. Rehling '29, and Carlos L. Rabren '66—Auburn men all.

the adversarial system," he notes. "In some cases we prove that crimes did occur; in others that they did not. The most important thing for us is to solve the mystery and get to the truth."

Getting to the truth may be much easier in the future thanks to a forensic technique developed in Britain in the early 1980s called "DNA fingerprinting," which Mr. Rabren calls the biggest discovery in crime detection since current fingerprinting techniques were introduced around the turn of the century. Alabama is one of several states working to establish its own laboratory to use DNA technology—all specimens for current cases must be sent to one of two national labs owned by private companies which developed the testing techniques.

The principle behind DNA fingerprinting is simple. Each cell in a person, including cells in blood, semen, skin, or even a hair, contains that individual's DNA, or cell makeup. Because every person's DNA is unique (other than identical twins), even a minute sample containing DNA can be used for identification with near-perfect accuracy. According to Mr. Rabren, the best analogy for the technique is that each individual has his own bar-code, much like items at the supermarket. "DNA fingerprinting is the most important development in forensics during my career. The certainty available through biological evidence usually exceeds the probability produced by physical evidence."

'Man is the most interesting and unpredictable animal on earth, and sometimes it's hard to believe what he's capable of.'

"We hope to have our own lab operative for processing samples by the end of the year," he added, noting that several cases in Alabama and a number around the nation have already made use of DNA identification. "The technology is mathematically sound, and it can be easily explained to a jury."

Still, Mr. Rabren is quick to emphasize that DNA fingerprinting will never replace the painstaking, methodical scene and lab work that marks a successful investigation. For while science is giving forensics increasingly sophisticated tools, he says tools alone do not make a good forensic scientist. To Mr. Rabren, a truly talented forensic investigator combines the logical, almost devious mind of a Sherlock Holmes with the artistic imagination of a Michelangelo.

"Recreating a crime scene is an art," he asserts. "In the same way that some people can do algebra, but can't understand trigonometry, many investigators can do the fundamental work, but can't put themselves in the mind of the criminal. To predict how a person will react in a given situation, one needs an ability to get inside the devil part of the human mind—the part which makes man a schemer. One must understand both the laws of nature and of human

nature—how people react when they're hurt, angry, or scared.

"Putting all that together to solve a crime is an art, not a science," Mr. Rabren continues with almost missionary zeal. "Being really good at it requires experience, along with innate, God-given ability. On top of all that, you must be able to convince others you're right as well."

Whether artist, scientist, or some of both, Mr. Rabren leaves little doubt that his fondness for his work has never dimmed over a career spanning 27 years. "Forensics has been very personally rewarding work for me," he says. "I'm very proud of what I do, I love my job, and I can't really visualize doing anything else. In short, I've been blessed."

Eden's Gardens Spring from Love of Auburn, Landscaping

By Mary Ellen Hendrix '84

Thomas Wolfe said you couldn't go home again. But Tom Eden '50 did just that.

Five years ago—St. Patrick's Day 1984 to be exact—Mr. Eden opened the Garden of Eden Nursery and Garden Center, Inc., in Auburn; and, in 1985, he moved back to Auburn after 16 years in Montgomery. His homecoming became possible with the help of his son, Steve Eden '81, who ran the business from its opening until 1985 and still serves as president. Nephew Terry Wilson '78 was secretary-treasurer in the beginning, a position Mr. Eden's wife, Lyn, holds now.

Mr. Eden, who is chairman of the board, has watched his business grow into one of the most successful nurseries in the area. His homecoming allowed him to return to two of his loves—Auburn and landscape design. Holder of a degree in landscape and ornamental horticulture, he developed his love of plants at an early age.

"When I was growing up," Mr. Eden said, "my grandmother had a great influence on my being interested in plants, trees, and anything that would bloom or bear fruit. Out of high school I went into the Navy in World War II and met a young man who could talk about nothing but API. He said, 'It's the best in the country.' When I got out of the Navy in 1946 I came to Auburn."

Mr. Eden knew exactly what he wanted to study and began classes in 1947 in ornamental horticulture under a man who would become one of his favorite and most influencing professors, Henry Orr '42. But Mr. Eden didn't limit his student life to studying, becoming etched in Auburn band history as one of the only two male majorettes, or as he calls it, twirlers.

"The only way I was able to attend Auburn was through the GI Bill and part-time employment at the Horticulture greenhouse," he said. "I was such a rabid fan of football that I had to find a way to attend the games and the only way I knew was to join the Auburn band and try to fill a spot in the group. Dave Herbert, the band director, told me I could join the band if I could twirl a baton. So this other guy and I decided to try it and we got to join the band."

The year in the band gave Mr. Eden the opportunity to carry the Alabama flag in President Harry Truman's inaugural parade in Washington, D.C. After that he found another way to get into the games—cheerleading. "One of my greatest experiences was being head cheerleader because it gave me an opportunity to travel and cheer on the football and basketball teams," he said.

"Auburn University was the best thing that ever happened to me. I enjoyed wonderful fellowship with people from other walks of life and learned how to do my best. I wanted to make my parents proud of me so I studied hard to keep up my grades. Yet, I also found time to have fun and to help Auburn be a better place."

Mr. Eden's hard work paid off, for not only was he head cheerleader, he also earned laurels as president of the senior class, a member of Spades

honorary, and a member of Who's Who and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

His varied experience includes 23 years in the Navy on active and reserve duty—the Korean conflict caused him to be called back for service—culminating in a commander rank. From 1953 to 1955 he taught and conducted research in the Horticulture Department while working on his master's. He sheepishly admits that he completed all his coursework but, alas, did not finish his thesis. From there he stepped into the spotlight, literally, hosting, producing, and directing a weekly ETV show called "Time to Grow" from 1955 to 1968. Following a year as Auburn's conference director, he moved to Montgomery in 1969 to become executive vice president of the Alabama Textile Manufacturers' Association, the position he held until he moved back to Auburn in 1985. While his public relations experience had naturally led him into the position at the state textile association, it strayed a long way from landscape design. Thus, he responded enthusiastically to the opportunity to open a nursery, especially in Auburn.

One of Mr. Eden's first customers was singer Lionel Richie of Tuskegee. "Mr. Lionel Richie, Sr., called us," said Mr. Eden, "and said his son was interested in having landscaping done at his home in Tuskegee. I met with Lionel, Jr., and since have landscaped many areas of his home."

The staff have completed many landscapes in Tuskegee, including work at the Tuskegee University president's home, other campus buildings (such as the alumni house), and one of the city parks. In Montgomery the firm of Chambliss and Associates recently asked the Garden of Eden to work with them on the new state office building, where the nursery handled landscape design, lighting, and irrigation systems. In Auburn they have landscaped a city park called Hickory Lane Park, as well as many apartment complexes, service stations, eating establishments, and medical facilities.

The Garden of Eden has completed other projects in 10 different Alabama cities, from Birmingham to Troy. Their clients are about 50 percent residential and 50 percent commercial. The business is divided into many divisions, including two full-time landscape crews, an irrigation division, commercial and residential landscape maintenance divisions, an indoor foliage maintenance division—with a special unit for the Auburn Village Mall, a landscape lighting crew, and full-time sales personnel at the nursery center.

On the Auburn campus, two Garden of Eden projects stand out: the Jordan-Hare planters and the landscaping at the new Auburn Alumni Center. The Garden of Eden created the colorful beds in the corners of Jordan-Hare Stadium during the 1988 football season. "We had a lot of fun designing footballs, Aubie, opposing team letters, and shakers as highlights and beauty spots for the stadium," Mr. Eden said.

The Garden of Eden work at the Alumni Center is unique in that all the plants, landscaping, irrigation, and first-year maintenance is being donated by the Eden family. "When I saw the Alumni



A TRUE FAMILY BUSINESS—Tom Eden '50, left, wife Lyn, and their son, Steve Eden '81 recently saw their successful business, The Garden of Eden, complete its fifth year of operation in Auburn. Along the way, they have not forgotten their alma mater—they are shown here in front of the new Auburn Alumni Center, for which the Edens generously donated all the landscaping.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan

Center being built," Mr. Eden said, "I said, 'That is one of the finest pieces of architecture I've seen.' I wanted to make it even prettier with a beautiful landscape."

In the Alumni Center landscape are several hundred shrubs and trees including dwarf Burford hollies, compacta hollies, Japanese boxwood, dwarf Yaupon hollies, dwarf Nandina, crepe myrtles, Andorra juniper, Yoshino cherry trees, red maple trees, weeping Yaupon hollies, fatsia, pink and red azaleas, pink blooming Indian hawthorne, Japanese cleyere, and seasonal bedding plants, such as begonias, pansies, and chrysanthemums. "We are real pleased with the beautiful shrubs and trees that we received from Tom Dodd, Jr., '39 of Tom Dodd Nurseries in Semmes and the grass sod from Charles Mitchell '73 of Bentley Turf Farm in Auburn," Mr. Eden said.

Choosing plants is just part of a landscaping project, however. The most important thing, Mr. Eden said, is blending the landscape and building together successfully. "The first thing you do is look at every positive feature of a building and capitalize on it. Every line you put down on a design should enhance the home or business and actually paint a picture for everyone to enjoy. If you are a good landscape designer, you are a good artist. You have the feel not only for a good design, but for texture, color, variety, and highlights for each area.

"I knew that each alumnus who visited would appreciate having this building complemented by good design, quality plants, and pretty flowers. My son, Steve, and I, as well as our very hard-working employees, wanted to make sure that our landscape would enhance this fine structure."

Steve works closely with his father on Garden of Eden projects. While a forestry student, Steve worked at the nursery which, at the time, carried the name Auburn Nursery and was owned by Joe Norton '52 of the Horticulture Department. "Steve has a great gift for landscape design as well as working so well with people," said his father. When asked about the stress of running a business with family members, Mr. Eden commented, "For the first year Steve and my wife, Lyn, and I had our differences. By working together to build a successful business we learned how to harmonize and grow even closer as a family." The Eden family is full of Auburn alumni, including son Tommy Eden, III, '76, a Birmingham lawyer; daughter Eve Eden Golden '78 of Montgomery; and Steve's wife, Elizabeth Webster '84.

Although he operates a small family nursery, Mr. Eden stays abreast of the latest developments in his field. He said several factors have contributed to changes in landscape design, including many new plants introduced into the market since he was in school, offering more variety. Also affecting the field is computerization. Within the next five years he expects landscapers will design all types of landscapes on computers. "This has been in the developing stages on the national level and will be filtering down to us at the local level in the near future," he said.

Change doesn't scare Mr. Eden. While he has seen the city and campus grow

dramatically, Mr. Eden says the changes have been for the better. "I can feel the magnetism that exists in all areas of life here," he said. "Auburn is growing into one of the finest communities in the South."

And, as Auburn grows, Mr. Eden will be around helping nurture all types of greenery. "The average American," he said, "appreciates pretty shrubs, trees, and flowers, but people like as little maintenance as possible. We recommend low-maintenance shrubs and trees but it's also good to put in roses now and then.

"Plants have quite a positive psychological effect on attitude. I love my job. My work is my hobby. I have had a wonderful life."

Mises Institute Carries Torch Of Free Market

By Mary Ellen Hendrix '84

The \$200 billion deficit. The savings and loan crisis. Just two of the many economic subjects one hears nightly on the national news. The general populace certainly doesn't understand most of the economic causes and effects, but there comes a point when we all ask, "What's the problem here?"

One group of economic theorists have some very definite ideas about what wreaks havoc in the American economy. They are part of an educational foundation called the Ludwig von Mises Institute (LVMI), which has 15,000 active members, was begun in 1982, and became affiliated with and opened its academic offices at Auburn in 1983.

The group is dedicated to advancing the scholarship of Austrian economics, specifically as argued by Austrian economist Ludwig von Mises, who lived from 1881 to 1973 and wrote more than 25 books and 250 articles. His work centered around support for the free market and sound money. The Austrian economists believe that the market should be left alone to manage itself without governmental interference.

As Economics Professor Roger W. Garrison, who is a supporter of the Misesian ideas, explained, there are some major divisions in the schools of economic thought. One prominent idea is the Keynesian idea of manipulating demand (through government spending programs), which was based on the work, *General Theory*, published by John Maynard Keynes in the 1930s. In contrast, another approach is supply-side economics (such as corporate investment tax credits), which manipulates supply and was the favorite approach of former President Ronald Reagan.

"Austrian economists," Prof. Garrison said, "oppose manipulation on either side of the market. Reagan, before he was elected, was critical of the Keynesian demand-management policies of the Carter administration. In the early months of his presidency, Reagan shifted from demand to supply as the basis for manipulation, but then—for political reasons—reverted to those same demand-management policies that he had so sharply criticized."

Some more publicized LVMI ideas include returning to a gold standard and opposing the Federal Reserve system, minimum wage, and unions. "Returning to the gold standard can sound silly," Prof. Garrison said. "But that has become an issue because we're drawing attention

to how our present system manipulates the economy. We're not naive enough to think we could just change back to the gold standard next week."

The Federal Reserve was created in 1913, and the U.S. went off the gold standard domestically in 1933 under President Roosevelt. The country stayed on the gold standard internationally, so other countries wouldn't lose confidence in the American economy, until 1971 under President Nixon. President Roosevelt, according to Prof. Garrison, attempted to spend his way out of the depression and, as a result, kept the U.S. in it for 10 years. Austrian theory states that the inflation of the money supply causes prices to increase over time.

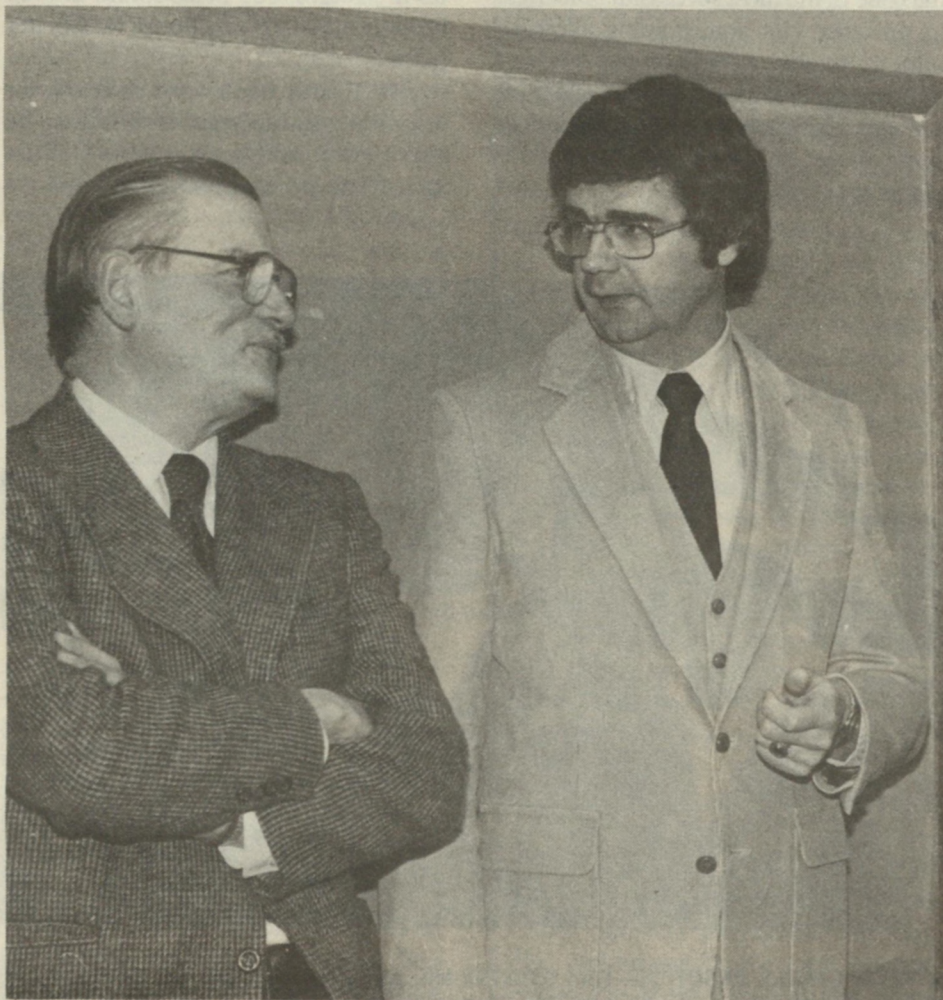
"The reason the government wants the paper standard is so they can print money," he said. "It gives government a tool of manipulation. It's more politically popular to spend money than to collect it. Gold is much less subject to manipulation. Most economists see the gold standard as antiquated. They want a paper system like we have now, but they want a well behaved one. That's just not possible."

While only one or two percent of economists support the gold standard, Prof. Garrison indicated that others would support it if not for the present political stigma it carries. Such politicians as Jack Kemp, he said, have given lip service to the gold standard but have twisted the true purpose of support. "The Federal Reserve," he said, "is always short on credibility. Some people want to tie gold in with our present central system to regain some credibility. I'm not interested in that. I want to get away from a central bank."

In fact, Prof. Garrison sees the savings and loan crisis as a product of government intervention. The S&Ls receive subsidized insurance from the government but are charged premiums totally unrelated to the risk involved. That, in turn, encourages the loan companies to take risks and ultimately produces bankruptcies. Misesians, or Austrian economists, see the answer as less regulation and not more. They would have the S&Ls seek insurance from private insurance companies who would better assess risks.

When asked about the general state of the U.S. economy, Prof. Garrison responded, "Unstable. The government continues to run a \$200 billion budgetary deficit. Such heavy government borrowing can have destabilizing effects on the private sector. The general public, like Austrian economists, see the deficit as a problem. But, surprisingly, most economists disagree. Keynesians would say we need a bigger deficit; supply-siders would say that deficits don't matter."

One of the other topics often in the news is the discussion over minimum wage. The LVMI has not cornered the market on opposing minimum wage. Most economists, whatever school of thought they ascribe to, oppose it. "It causes unemployment as firms choose automation over the use of labor," Prof. Garrison said. "Voters watching the news don't know much about economics. Minimum wage sounds good to them, but they don't understand the consequences."



MISESIAN MINDS—Nobel Prize winner James Buchanan, left, and Auburn Economics Professor Roger Garrison discuss the intricacies of economic theory during Dr. Buchanan's campus visit, sponsored by the Ludwig von Mises Institute.

"As far as unions go," he continued, "Austrian economists aren't against unions *per se*. They're against any kind of government intervention that stacks cards in favor of unions or any special interests. We also want to avoid having the economy rigged in favor of supply or demand."

Despite policy implications, however, the LVMI doesn't consider itself conservative because that label would include issues not economic in nature. The institute is strictly confined to economic matters, directing itself for educational, not political, aims. Auburn is its academic home, but the LVMI also has student centers near Stanford University, George Mason University, the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, and soon the University of California at Los Angeles.

The institute was founded by Lew Rockwell with the permission of Dr. von Mises' widow in 1982 and moved to Auburn in 1983. Mr. Rockwell is president and Mrs. von Mises is chairman of the Board of Visitors. Auburn Trustee John Denson (who is LVMI's Board of Visitors vice chairman) was influential and supportive of the institute's affiliation with Auburn. "Universities throughout the country," said Mr. Denson, "are now being called upon more frequently by businessmen and political leaders seeking answers to our growing economic problems. There is no better place to turn for these answers than to Auburn University and the Mises Institute."

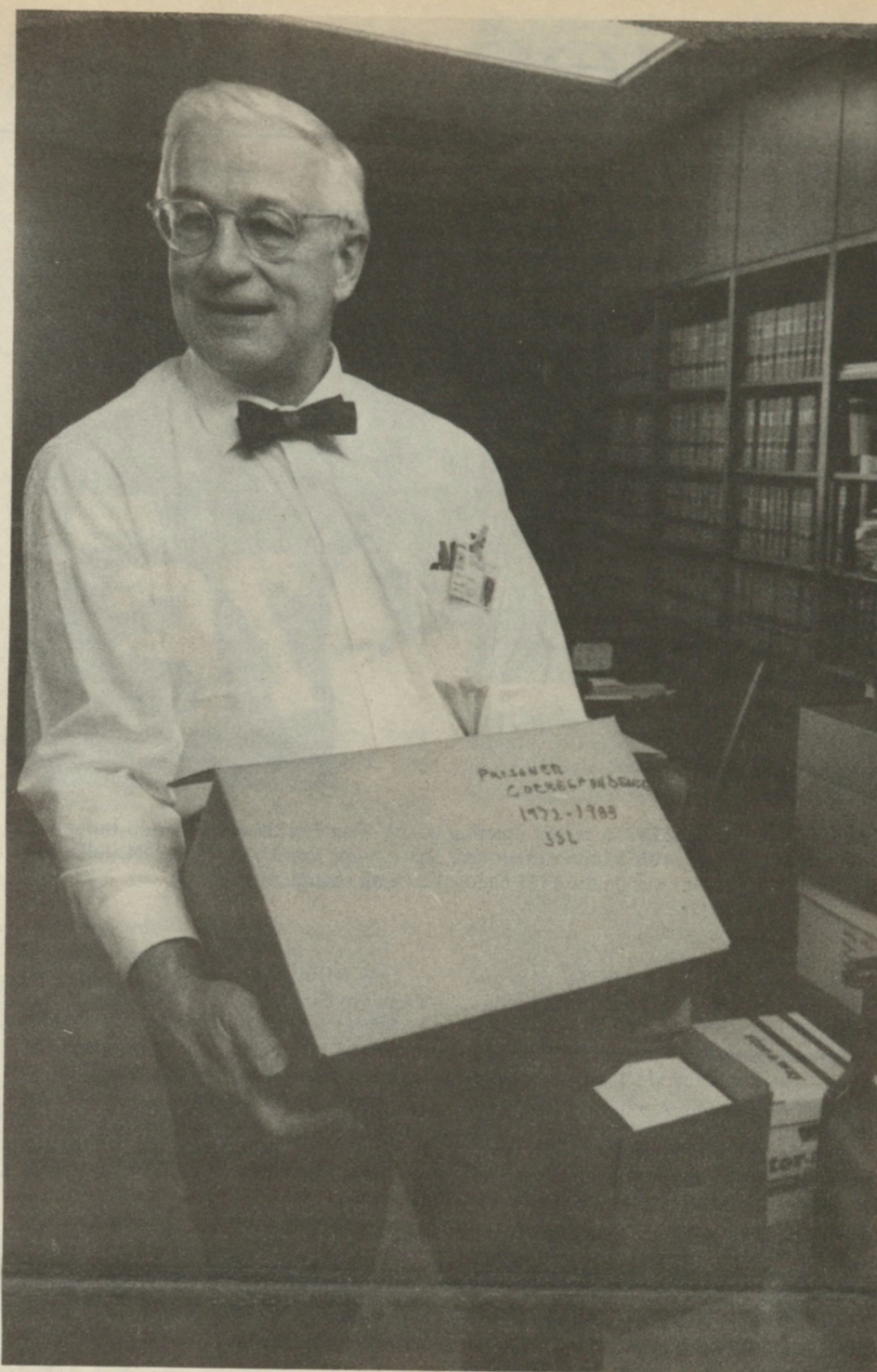
The university doesn't provide financial support to the institute; in fact, the institute provides support to Auburn. According to Pat Heckman, LVMI vice president of membership and conferences, the institute donates more than \$100,000 a year toward economics-related activities, including stipends for graduate students and professors (Leland Yeager holds a named chair) and assistance through maintaining a library, sponsoring weekly colloquiums, and bringing in visiting professors.

One of those visiting professors was James Buchanan of George Mason University, who won the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1986 and visited campus in 1987. He has been instrumental in the LVMI receiving added publicity in recent years, since he has been labeled an Austrian economist by many.

The LVMI has offered direct assistance to 101 students at 62 universities and colleges. "We enhance economics at the university," Mrs. Heckman said, "and, in turn, it's very helpful for us to be associated with Auburn."

The institute receives funding from its endowment and voluntary contributions. Part of those funds help produce several publications, including a monthly newsletter, *The Free Market*, which goes to more than 17,000 people; the *Austrian Economics Newsletter*, edited by graduate students with a 4,000 circulation; and the scholarly *Review of Austrian Economics*. The LVMI also publishes books and papers and hosts conferences.

"We've seen a dramatic increase in interest in Misesian economics in the last several years," said Mrs. Heckman. "I'm involved because I want things to be different for my children and grandchildren."



PACKING IT IN—Fulton County Superior Court Judge John S. Langford '53 recently retired from active service on the bench after a distinguished 16-year career. He now serves as a senior judge, which allows him to hear fewer cases and have more leisure time.

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Fulton Lawyers Get Reprieve: Judge Langford Retires

By Duane Riner

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The judge lawyers love to hate is stepping down.

"I'm sure some of them will celebrate," said Fulton County Superior Court Judge John S. Langford '53 as he packed a few last belongings in the spacious ninth-floor office he traded last month for the sixth-floor cubbyhole he uses as a senior judge. Although he's only 57 years old and not yet eligible to draw a pension, Judge Langford cited frustration over the pressures of an increasingly heavy caseload as his reason for calling it quits after 16 years on the Superior Court bench.

A strapping former Auburn football player who was a teammate of retired Georgia football coach and current athletic director Vince Dooley '54, Judge Langford knows he is not a favorite of

many lawyers. But he offered no conciliatory words for members of the bar during the final days of his term.

"I'm just a pretty strict judge," said the silver-haired jurist who, at his stern-faced best, is the Hollywood image of what a judge should look like. "I guess I would have to describe myself as a fairly sharp critic of the legal system and the people who function in it."

Lawyers who came to court less than prepared to represent their clients can vouch for Judge Langford's description of himself after experiencing his wrath. Many cringed upon learning that of 12 judges in Fulton Superior Court, the computer had assigned him their cases.

"I am acutely aware of less than adequate preparation by some lawyers," he said, adding that there is "an over-emphasis on practicing law as a money-making proposition. It is a method of accumulating wealth rather than a profession."

Saying the practice of law has "gone downhill as a profession in many respects," Judge Langford lamented the mindset that leads many lawyers to accumulate as many billable hours as

possible and to charge clients "all the traffic can bear." He said the tendency to look on the law as a get-rich-quick scheme seems to afflict younger lawyers in particular.

A Griffin, Ga., native who started his judicial career as a Juvenile Court judge and later moved to Fulton County State Court before defeating an incumbent Superior Court judge, Judge Langford said he has had no second thoughts about his decision to take senior judge status, and he won't miss the average of 140 cases per month assigned to full-time judges. He said he applied the same never-look-back approach to his decision to drop a sideline he enjoyed from 1960 to 1972: officiating at Southeastern Conference football games.

As a senior judge, he will have the flexibility to be selective about the cases he tries—cases from the overflowing calendars of full-time Superior Court judges. "Trial judge work can be a very challenging, and even fun, kind of public service experience," he said, "but with the numbers we have to deal with here, it's nothing but incredibly frustrating work."

Judge Langford said the workload didn't give him the time to give cases the serious attention they deserved. "It's bothered my performance. It's a joy being a trial judge in a case where good lawyers are well-prepared on each side, but a Fulton County judge also must deal with endless numbers of petty disputes and an ever-increasing load of criminal cases."

While Judge Langford has earned a reputation for giving lawyers a hard time, he also is known as a strict law-and-order judge. "I feel sentencing is one of a judge's most serious responsibilities," he said, "and I want to know as much as I can learn about the offender, the offense, the victim, and the circumstances so I can impose a reasonable, fair, and serious sentence." Judge Langford added he believes in "serious punishment for serious criminal conduct" and he is determined to see drug dealers "do some prison time."

At a time when most judges readily hand out probated sentences for plea bargains arranged by prosecutors and defense attorneys, Judge Langford refuses to take the easy way out when it comes to drug traffickers. In most cases, they go to trial, and when convicted, they go to prison.

Although he was sidelined for a few weeks in the fall with a minor cerebral hemorrhage, Judge Langford refuses to blame the illness on job pressures, and he said his doctors agree. But he acknowledges that he fought an unsuccessful battle to clear up his backlog of cases for his successor.

In addition to surrendering the pay of a full-time Fulton Superior Court judge for the \$100-a-day fees earned by senior judges when they are called upon to work, Judge Langford also is giving up his 20-year avocation as a Boy Scout leader. Although he already has accepted some trial assignments for the coming months, he says he is reserving time in the spring for a personal project. He plans to paint the exterior of his house. All by himself.

Alumnalities

1929

George C. Morgan '29, an architect, practices in Birmingham.

1943-1948

Harold E. Streetman '43 is retired. He and his wife, Gypsy, live in Montgomery.

Col. **Charles G. Kershaw, II, '43** is retired from the Army Corps of Engineers. He lives in Sarasota, Fla., with his wife, Shirley.

B.M. McKinney '43 is retired and lives in Sheffield with his wife, Eleanor.

Jim W. Waitzman '44 was recently presented an honorary lifetime membership in Associated Equipment Distributors, the international trade association, of which he is past national president. He is the retired chairman and CEO of Tractor and Equipment Co. in Birmingham.

Cecil A. Crockett '48 is a retired teacher and lives in Fairhope with his wife, Annie.

1950-1954

Clarence H. Hornsby, Jr., '50 has been elected president of the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry. He is president and general manager of Bowater, Inc., in Catawba, S.C.

Grace Boatwright Ford '50 is an elementary school teacher at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery.

James W. Newberne '50, DVM, has received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Auburn's College of Veterinary Medicine. He works for Merrel Dow Research Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he lives with his wife, **Mary Turner '51**.

W. Glenn Robeson '50 is a retired director of recreation in Gainesville, Fla.

Henry Clifford Shaddix '51 is a retired coach in Cohutta, Ga., where he lives with his wife, **Eleese Adamson '51**, a retired teacher.

C. James Kendrick, III, '51 is president of KSD Architectural Associates, Inc., in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., where he lives with his wife, Helen.

Douglas L. McCrary '52 works for Gulf Power in Pensacola, Fla., where he lives with his wife, Sara.

Roy Bruce Hall '52 has been inducted into the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He works for Orthopedic Clinic, P.A., in Dothan, where he lives with his wife, Karen.

W. Jay Baggett '53 of Newnan, Ga., is a school counselor in Peachtree City, Ga.

Walter L. (Oogie) Martin '53, DVM, has received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Auburn's College of Veterinary Medicine. He practices in Chattanooga, where he lives with his wife, Boogie.

Richard L. Shoemaker '54 is a professor of physiology and biophysics at UAB.

William D. Scruggs '54 has retired from the Defense General Supply Center of the Defense Logistics Agency in Richmond, Va., after 15 years in the federal government.

Elizabeth D. Lindsey '54 of Jacksonville has retired from Jacksonville State University, where she taught English.

Paul Reginald Anthony '54 is a teacher and counselor for Alabama Christian Academy in Montgomery. He lives in Tallahassee with his wife, Patricia.

1955-1959

William J. Ward, Jr., '55 has been inducted into the 1988 Outstanding Young Men of America. He works for General Electric in Dallas, Tex.

Jeff M. Beasley '56 teaches agribusiness at Alexandria High. He lives in Gadsden with his wife, **Bettie Morris '57**, a home economics teacher.



PENSACOLA PEP RALLY—A recent meeting of the West Florida Auburn Club brought the Foret family together with fellow Auburnites. Left to right are Teddy Foret '84, Julie Foret, and Ted Foret '59, who was on the 1957 national football championship team.

Elizabeth Warren Hyde '56 of Seminole, Fla., teaches business in Pinellas County, Fla.

Robert Moore '57 of Winfield retired March 1 as superintendent of the Upper Coastal Plain Substation, after 30 years with the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station.

Jimmy R. Pemberton '58 has been promoted to technical director of the Pershing II missile project at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville.

Thomas Keith King '58 works for David Volkert Associates in Mobile, where he lives with his wife, Julia.

T.L. Warren '58 is an obstetrician and gynecologist in Hickory, N.C.

Theodore P. Crane, Jr., '58, vice president of manufacturing at Champion International in Stamford, Conn., has been elected to serve a three-year term on the board of directors of the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry.

Lois Willoughby Baker '58 is a retired teacher in Dothan.

Edward L. Cammon, Jr., '59 teaches industrial electricity at Trenholm State Technical College in Montgomery.

Thomas L. House '59 has been appointed technical director and director of research, development, and engineering for the Army Aviation Systems Command in St. Louis, Mo.

Royce E. Mitchell '59 has received the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal for managing shuttle rocket booster redesign and recertification at Marshall Space Flight Center. He and his wife, Sue, live in Huntsville with their four children.

1960

Elton H. Reeves, Jr., an aerospace engineer with Marshall Space Flight Center

in Huntsville, has received the NASA Exceptional Service Medal for his role in the nation's return to space. Also, last October, he was presented the "Silver Snoopy" award by the NASA astronauts. He and his wife, Linda, live in Priceville and have seven children.

1961

Joseph D. Jordan is vice president of Jordan Gas in Centre.

Robert J. Danos, a fertilizer technology consultant for Badger Engineers, Inc., in Tampa, Fla., has been named a fellow in the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. He lives in Lakeland, Fla.

Gerald W. Smith is project manager for the Space Shuttle solid rocket booster project at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville. He recently received the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal. He and his wife, Joyce, have four children and live in Huntsville.

Nelson M. Snow, III, is a purchasing agent for Champion International in Cantonment, Fla. He and his wife, Audrey, live in Pensacola, Fla.

1962

Judith Clark Pope is managing art director at Communicorp, Inc., in Columbus, Ga., where she and her husband, Marvin, live. They have two children.

Jerry Anderson works for AmSouth Bank in Montgomery. He and his wife, Jeanne, live in Prattville.

Homer S. Fisher, Jr., is senior vice president at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

1963

Fredrick Henry Callahan is a cattle broker and farmer in Royston, Ga., where he and his wife, Doris, live.

Dewey B. Channell, chief of the Systems Safety Engineering Division at Marshall Space



SAN FRANCISCO STYLE—This chummy group of alumni didn't mind posing for the camera at a recent Northern California Auburn Club meeting. Left to right are: Neil Dillabough '59, Jim Savoldi '86, Sue Savoldi '85, Joe Savoldi '82, and Bill Tanner '50.

Flight Center in Huntsville, has received the NASA Exceptional Service Medal. He and his wife, Sylvia, live in Decatur and have three children.

James C. Slappey is a credit manager for General Motors Acceptance Corp. in Columbus, Ga., and lives in Phenix City.

1964

J. Wayne Roberson has been promoted to senior vice president of BCM Converse, Inc., in Mobile.

1965

James Richard Russell has received his master's in public administration from Shippensburg University, Pa.

1966

Harry Inge Waddle, Jr., is an assistant vice president with BellSouth in Birmingham.

Carl Gilbert, Jr., is a consultant engineer in Montgomery.

W. Kirkland Cunningham is president of PresGlas Corp. in Troy, Mich. He and his wife, Naomi, live in Birmingham, Mich.

Mary Soukup teaches in Marietta, Ga., and lives in Acworth, Ga.

Stephen W. Blackburn, Jr., is director of administration for the Tennessee Department of Health and Environment. He also serves on the Tennessee Water Quality Control Board and the Tennessee Board of Reclamation Review. He and his wife, Janey, live in Kingston Springs, Tenn.

Col. **David Cardin**, DVM, practices with the Air Force at Offutt AFB, Neb. His wife, **Bettie Jo Smith**, DVM, practices in Papillion, Neb., where they live.

Lt. Col. **William Ward Hatcher** retired July 15, 1988, from duty at Kirtland AFB, N.M. He and his wife, Diane, have two children, Stephanie and Todd.

1967

Toby Hoover, DVM, has received the Master Builder of Men Award, the highest honor that FarmHouse International Fraternity can bestow upon one of its alumni members. He and his wife, Cynthia, live in Bolivia, where he teaches at a Baptist demonstration farm. They have two daughters.

Jack Daniel Nix is president of Nix, Inc., in Birmingham.

Edward J. Marty retired from the Army in August after 20 years of service. He is enrolled in law school at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Judy Elsberry Fish is a teacher in Tucson, Ariz., where she lives with her children, Douglas, 17, and Brian, 13.

1968

W. Reneau Dubberley has been named automation engineer for a new laminated manufacturing plant for Tarkett, Hardwood Division. He and his wife have two sons and live in Johnson City, Tenn.

H. Troy Nagle is a professor of electrical and computer engineering at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C. He was elected 1989 vice president of technical activities of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. He lives in Durham, N.C.

Kennon Arie Smith is an electronics engineer at Ft. Rucker. He lives in Ozark with his wife, Judy. They have three sons: Samuel, Bradley, and William.

D. Lyn McWhorter is regional manager of the U.S. Postal Service in Memphis.

Henry Cole is president of Cole Ford in Heflin. His wife, **Judy Wilson** '67, is a speech pathologist for Cleburne County Schools.

1969

Robert L. DeBardelaben is an accountant for Padgett Business Services in Montgomery. He and his wife, Judy, live in Prattville.

William O. Sanders is a farmer in Goshen.

Mickey Blevins Farmers recently was named "Counselor of the Year" by the Alabama School Counselor Association for her work at Gresham Junior High. She and her husband, **Bill Farmer**, have two sons, Troy, 6, and Kyle, 3. They live in Birmingham.

Joanne Mitchell Scarbrough teaches at Eastside Elementary in LaFayette. She has two daughters, Melissa, 18, an Auburn freshman, and Leah, 10.

Richard D. Kramer works for SRS Technologies as manager for propulsion and power programs with NASA and the Strategic Defense Command at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville. He recently retired from the Army Reserve.

1970

Walter R. Wallace works for the Small Business Administration in Albany, Ga., where he lives with his wife, Yvonne.

Malcolm N. Beasley works for David Volkert Associates in Mobile.

Horace Ronald Whitaker teaches in Huntsville. He and his wife, Jane, live in Woodville.

S. Howard Gibbons, Jr., of Louisville, Ky., works for Osborn Enterprises.

George T. Washburn, Jr., is pastor at Metairie (La.) Community Church. He and his wife, Leah, have two children, Angie, 15, and Patrick, 13.

BORN: A daughter, Molly Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. **Chuck A. Furlow (Lynne Brown '75)** of Birmingham on Feb. 21. Molly joins brother Michael, 7.

1971

Mary Alice Smith is a graduate student in toxicology at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock.



LECTURE SERIES FUNDING—W. Donald Rutland '69, left, recently presented the first in a series of checks to School of Architecture Dean Ray K. Parker '69. Mr. Rutland, managing partner for the Landmark Group in Atlanta and a member of the Architecture Advisory Council, is spearheading a campaign to raise funds for a lecture series, which will enhance the school's programs by bringing professionals to campus.

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FISHERIES PROF RETIRES—Fisheries Professor Don Moss '49, right, who was also assistant director of Auburn's International Center for Aquaculture, recently retired after 22 years of service. Wayne Shell '52, head of the Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures, helped honor Prof. Moss by presenting him with a framed picture.

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Michael L. Harris is regional sales manager for Furnas Electric Co. in Doraville, Ga. He lives in Stone Mountain, Ga., with his wife, Jan.

John Dozier Persons, III, is an attorney and director of contracts and grants for United Network for Organ Sharing in Richmond, Va., where he lives with his wife, Valerie.

Robert John Cibulsky is a research and development manager for Abbott Laboratories in North Chicago, Ill. He lives in Libertyville, Ill., with his wife, **Diane Baxter** '72, a pharmacist at Condell Memorial Hospital.

Elizabeth Terry Fletcher is an English instructor at Auburn.

Cmdr. **James F. Booth** recently assumed command of the destroyer USS Nicholson, homeported in Charleston, S.C.

BORN: A daughter, Christine Elizabeth to Lt. Col. and Mrs. **Douglas H. Walker (Betsy Mathews '72)** on Feb. 1. She joins Julie, 5, and Doug, Jr., 3. Douglas is flight commander of the 70th Air Refueling Squadron at Grissom AFB, Indiana.

1972

Carlos Wayne Pressnell is a vice president with Colonial Bank in Hartselle.

Carl Betts Higgins is a regional bond manager for Wausau Insurance Companies in Nashua, N.H., where he lives with his wife, Pat, and their children, Holly, 15, and Mark, 10.

Robert Wade Conrad is director of business development for Mid South Industries in Gadsden.

David Kenneth Jeffrey, Ph.D., is head of the English department at Northeast Louisiana State University in Monroe, La.

BORN: A son, Timothy Spencer, to Mr. and Mrs. **Spencer Stone** of Birmingham on Nov. 25, 1988. Spencer is an associate controller for Torchmark Corp.

1973

Jerry L. Purcell is manager of business development for Fluor Daniel. He lives in Greenville, S.C., with his wife, Donna.

Douglas O. Allen, Jr., works for Dow Chemical as a chemical engineer and plant superintendent. He lives in Lake Jackson, Tex.

Susan Burns Borders is a social worker in Centre.

BORN: Twins, James Blair, Jr., and Natalie Benton, to Mr. and Mrs. **James B. Sprayberry** of Auburn in October 1988.

A daughter, Abigail Buckner, to **Elizabeth Thornhill** on Aug. 14, 1988.

1974

John H. Bodiford is general manager of WYEA and WAWV radio stations in Sylacauga. His wife, **Cynthia Barnes** '80, is coordinator of clinical services at Coosa Valley Medical Center.

D. Mike Goodwin of Fort Payne is executive director of DeKalb County Adult Training Center.

Donald B. Wright has been promoted to senior vice president of BCM Engineers. He and his wife, Cynthia, live in Mobile.

Philip F. Henderson of Albany, Ga., is utilities and waste water treatment manager for Miller Brewing Co.

Jay M. Cochran has been promoted to vice president of First Alabama Bank in



ARANT FAMILY HONORS SISTER—The Arant family recently established an endowed scholarship in the School of Human Sciences in memory of their sister, Anamerle Arant '26, a strong supporter of the school. At left is Rebecca S. Koester '88, the first recipient of the scholarship. Pictured with her, standing, left to right, are Ruby D. Arant of Auburn, Julia Ellen Arant Parker of Deatsville, Francis Arant Smith '43 of Luverne, F. S. Arant '26 of Auburn, and J.C. Arant '33 of Warner Robins, Ga. Seated, center, is Hazel Arant Goodman '29 of Auburn and at right is Bernice Arant Pittman of Dothan.

Huntsville. He is also regional credit officer and loan review manager. He lives in Madison with his wife, Lisa.

Charlene Smith Reece is an education consultant for the Tennessee Department of Education and lives in Antioch, Tenn.

William J. Cofield works for First Alabama Bank as a loan officer and assistant vice president. His wife, **Sarah Elizabeth Hart** '75, is a laboratory technologist at Blount Memorial. They live in Oneonta with their three children: Jenny, 8; Jessica, 5; and Joseph, 2.

Lt. Cmdr. **Davis R. Gamble, Jr.**, was presented a meritorious service medal for his work in the office of the chief of Naval operations in the Navy Space Systems Division. He is now assistant program manager for operational satellite communications systems at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. He lives in Alexandria, Va.

in Tusculumbia, where he lives with his wife, Patricia.

Lt. Col. **Joseph L. Hutton** is stationed with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing in Jacksonville, N.C.

James O. Cook was recently named Kentucky Veterinarian of the Year. He lives in Lebanon, Ky.

MARRIED: Lynn Spivey Peterson to Samuel Rowe on July 23, 1988. She is outpatient director of HCA Medical Center in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

1977

Timothy C. Halstrom, an attorney, lives in Montgomery with his wife, **LaMara Nichols** '69.

Michael J. Shaw of Sterling, Va., works for the Secret Service as a special agent.

George B. Klumpp, Jr., is a farmer and a real estate agent for Brazeal and Harris. He and his wife, Blanche, live in Fairhope.

Steven H. Rea is the chief estimator for McDevitt and Street Co. He and his wife, Karen, live in Jacksonville, Fla.

Thomas M. Goggans is an attorney. He and his wife, **Kay Clanton**, live in Montgomery.

Mark A. McCullers of Loganville, Ga., is a sales manager for C.M.C. Corp. in McDonough, Ga.

James B. Hurst is the president, chief executive officer, and director of Eagle Federal. He lives in Opelika with his wife, **Corinne Tatum**, and their children, Brad, 10, and Ashley, 5.

BORN: A son, Zachary Conner, to Maj. and Mrs. Les Teel (**Nancy Conner**) of Honolulu, Hi., on June 8, 1988. Zachary joins sister Katie, 8, and brother Taylor, 6.

Allen R. Patterson is the president of Village Photographers in Auburn. His wife, **Susan Martin** '76, is a teacher. They live in Auburn with their son, Richard, 2.

Lora Pritchett Holcombe is an adjunct professor at Florida State University. She lives in Tallahassee, Fla., with her husband, Randall.

Karen Posey of Pensacola, Fla., is an account executive for Southern Bell.

Carol Pegues Dorsey is a microbiologist for the Alabama Department of Public Health. She and her husband, Robert, live in Mobile.

Capt. **William L. Nix** is stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky.

James E. Patterson of Alexandria, Va., has been selected as an Outstanding Young Man of America.

George H. D'Andrea, DVM, has received a Young Achievers Award from Auburn's College of Veterinary Medicine Advisory Council for his achievements in veterinary medicine. He works at Auburn's Roberts Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

Sharon L. Crowell-Davis, DVM, has received a Young Achievers Award from Auburn's College of Veterinary Medicine Advisory Council for her accomplishments in veterinary medicine. She is with the University of Georgia's Department of Anatomy and Radiology.

Angela Turner Curry is an assistant finance director for the City of Dothan, where she and her husband, Danny, live.

Catherine L. Wyatt of Mobile is the music secretary for Cottage Hill Baptist Church.

Johnnie David Spraggins, Jr., is a lab technician at Auburn and an instructor at Southern Union State Junior College in Opelika.

Lt. Cmdr. **Robin E. Rathbun** has been assigned to the Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light-35 at North Island NAS, San Diego.

1979

Robert Shawn Snider is an agent for State Farm Insurance Co. He and his wife, **Cynthia Champion** '77, live in Anniston.

Arthur Merkle of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., practices pediatric dentistry.

Cynthia Szafranko Christmas is a sports specialist for the Air Force. She will soon be moving to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia with

1975

James W. Myrick teaches agribusiness at Gaylesville High.

Thomas T. Lamberth has been promoted to executive vice president and treasurer of Russell Lands in Alexander City. He and his wife, **Beth Ingram** '77, have three children: Thomas, Hank, and Nolen.

Waylon D. Blakeley is an assistant base civil engineer for the Alabama Air National Guard in Birmingham. He lives in Gallant with his wife, Chita.

BORN: A son, Matthew Alexander, to Mr. and Mrs. Al Kirkpatrick (**Judy Carleton**) of Birmingham on Feb. 5. He joins brother Andrew, 3.

1976

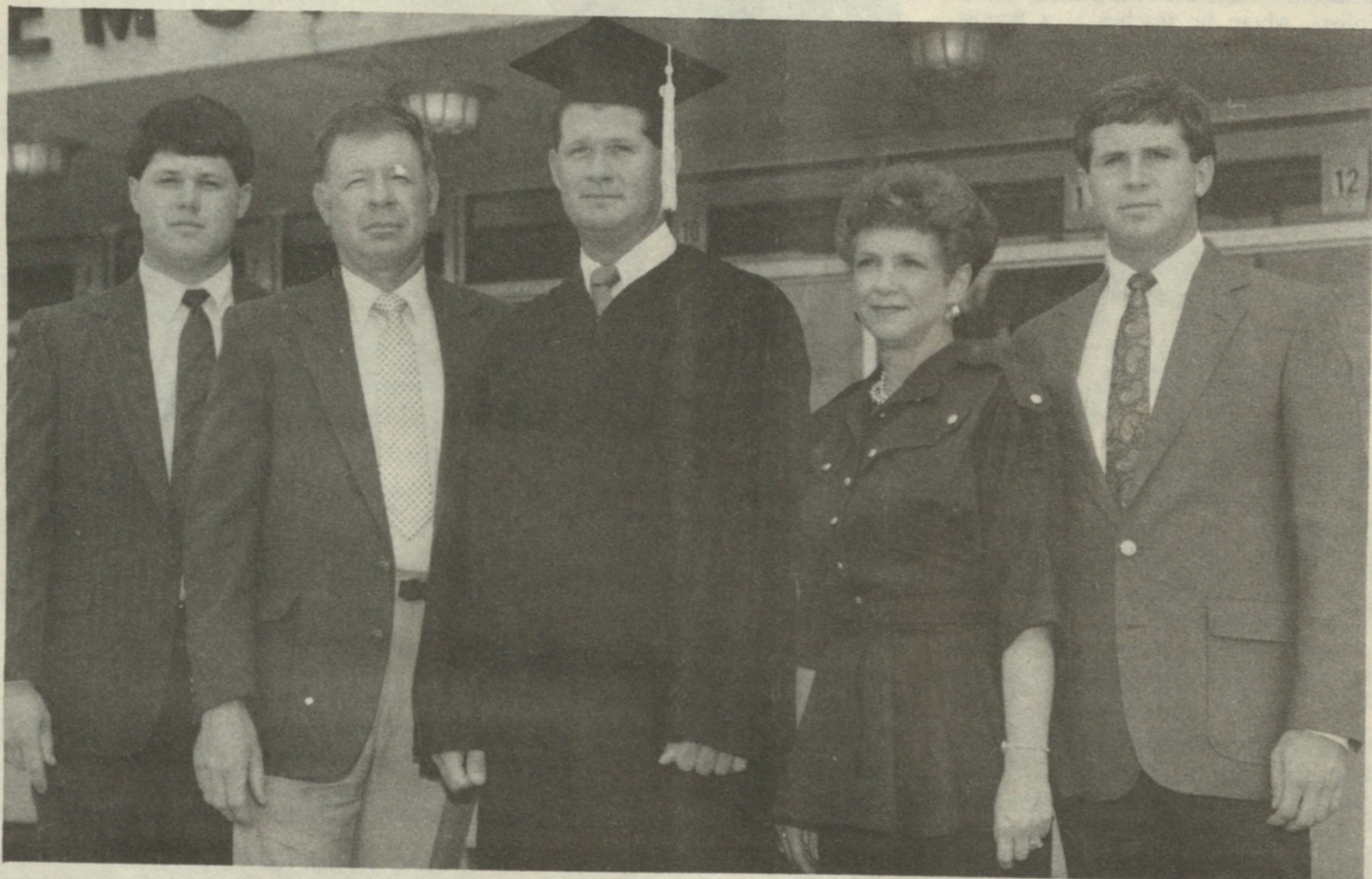
Maj. **Randolph H. Kelly** is stationed at Edwards AFB. His wife, **Leigh Pinkston** '77, is a microbiologist for Smith Kline Bioscience Laboratories. They live in Edwards, Calif.

Charles T. Rahaim of Sheffield is a controller for Tri-Cities Manufacturing.

George C. Hardison works for Georgia Power as a marketing engineer. He lives in Jonesboro, Ga., with his wife, **Marsha Quenelle**, and their children, Will, 5, and Libby, 2.

Dorothy J. Hitchcock is a computer-graphics consultant for Delta Air Lines and lives in Decatur, Ga.

Billy A. King teaches at Deshler High



ALL IN THE FAMILY—The Mitchells of Donalsonville, Ga., added another Auburn graduate to their family March 17 as son Mark, center, graduated with a bachelor's in entomology. Flanking him are his parents, Elaine Barrett '64 and Jerry Mitchell '65. Currently attending Auburn are brothers Scott, left, a mechanical engineering junior, and Todd, right, an accounting sophomore.

her husband, William, and their children: Coy, 12; Christy, 10; and Olivia, 8.

Kenneth Bernich and his wife, **Carol Brelsford** '80, live in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. He is a football and track coach and teacher at Ft. Walton Beach High, and she is a special education teacher at Pryor Junior High.

H. James Spikes, Jr., and his wife, Lorelei, were among 31 people named as missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Missions Board. They will develop churches in Chile.

Debbie D. Turner of Desoto, Tex., is a system accountant for Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

Pamela Robinson is an instructor at Columbus (Ga.) Technical Institute.

Edward V. Palmer is a carpenter in Opelika.

Otis R. Walley of Fort Worth, Tex., is an engineer for General Dynamics.

1980

Paul D. Prince of Cape Coral, Fla., is a senior customer service agent for Delta Airlines.

Daniel W. Schuttler is the president of Repro Support, Inc., in Oviedo, Fla.

Thomas B. Rogan is an insurance executive for Richard Wilcox Insurance Agency in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He and his wife, Kristi, live in Plantation, Fla.

Catherine McGehee Jones teaches kindergarten in Auburn.

Susan Spain Lathem is a CPA for Bell South Services in Birmingham, where she and her husband, Dennis, live.

John C. Revell is a production manager for Gencorp Automotives in Wabash, Ind. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Huntington, Ind.

Donald L. Salt is a senior engineer for Alabama Power. He and his wife, Bobbie, live in Dothan.

Thomas A. Gilbert is an instrumentation technician for Hunt Refining Co. He and his wife, Sherry, live in Tuscaloosa.

Debra J. Gradick, M.D., is a clinical instructor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at University Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla.

Kathanne Westbrook Greene recently joined the staff of Denison University in Granville, Ohio, as an instructor of political science. She earned her Ph.D. in political science in 1988 from the University of Utah.

Ricky C. Rodgers of Stone Mountain, Ga., works for the Atlantic Steel Co.

Lt. John L. Wilson, III, is a Navy pilot. He and his wife, **Julie Kent**, live in Oak Harbor, Washington.

Claudia Harris Sherer and her husband, **James Sherer** '81, have designed Auburn birth announcements that are available through the Sherers, J&M Bookstore, and

Anders Bookstore. They live in Murfreesboro, Tenn., with their son, Joseph, 3.

William A. Shelton and his wife, **Deborah Klatson** '79, live in Enterprise, where he is an engineer for APCO and she is a teacher for Enterprise City Schools.

David Thompson is a pilot with Northwest Airlines in Detroit, Mich. His wife, **Janis Antonek**, is a tour manager for General Tours of New York City. They live in Morgantown, W.Va.

Cathy Lynn Sasser of Knoxville, Tenn., is a home infusion pharmacy manager for Owen Healthcare, Inc.

BORN: A son, Mark Austin, to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Minor (**Susan Wilson**) of Pelham on Feb. 9.

1981

Lt. Robert P. Walden is an engineer for the Navy. He and his wife, Bobbilu, are stationed in Guam.

Catherine Aronson Master is an attorney with Locke Purnell Rain Harrell. She and her husband, Geoffrey, live in Dallas, Tex.

Capt. **Robert M. Watson, Jr.**, has been selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America for 1988. He and his wife, **Lt. Susan Trowbridge** '83, live in Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Benjamin F. Vandervoort of Auburn is a writer.

Paul L. Hollis is an assistant editor for the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service in Auburn. He and his wife, **Tammy Eastridge** '83, live in Opelika.

BORN: A son, James Reeder, to Mr. and Mrs. **James E. Dulaney** of Auburn on Nov. 6, 1988.

A son, Jacob Dane, to Mr. and Mrs. **Gene Kearley (Wanda Coleman)** '83 of Florence on Dec. 17, 1988. Jacob joins sister Lindsey, 2.

1982

David W. Hinson is an architect and project manager for Curtis Cox Kennerly. He and his wife, Susan, live in Philadelphia, Pa.

Michael A. Babb is an assistant district sales manager for Standard Register in Birmingham. He and his wife, Diana, live in Helena.

Gary L. Brackeen is a clinical pharmacist at BMC Montclair Hospital. His wife, **Julia Basic-Price**, is a pharmacist for Eckerd Drugs in Birmingham. They live in Athens.

Ralph A. Moye is an engineer for NASA at the Marshall Space Flight Center. He and his wife, Kelly, live in Huntsville.

Teri Elliott Lavette is an attorney for Rust International Corp. She and her husband, Pat, live in Birmingham.



COVINGTON COUNTY—Proudly displaying their Auburn spirit, not to mention their dislike of the Tide, are this year's officers of the Covington County Auburn Club. Seated are Boo Phillips, left, vice president, and Diane Moore '70, secretary. Standing, left to right, are: David Darby '82, treasurer; John Givhan '62, past president; and Robert Breedlove '73, president.

Dale R. Elkins is the vice president of resorts and theme parks for QAE Services in Tampa, Fla. He and his wife, Becky, live in Lutz, Fla.

Kelvin L. Veal is a county executive director for the USDA in Cullman. His wife, **Angie Motzkus** '87, is a pharmacist and manager for Wal-Mart in Adamsville. They live in Cullman.

Louis D. Young, Jr., of Woodstock, Ga., has been named project engineer for Columbia, an Atlanta-based land planning, civil engineering, and landscape architectural firm.

Harry M. Jones is an estimator and project manager for Morris-Gann Building Co. in Oxford. He and his wife, Sandy, live in Anniston.

Lynn Hinkle Hoff has been appointed as branch counsel of Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation's Birmingham office.

Lance A. Lawson is a property manager for the Ida Cason Callaway Foundation in Pine Mountain, Ga., where he and his wife, Jane, live.

BORN: A daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. **David Darby (Laura Griffin)** of Andalusia on Jan. 13.

A son, John Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. **John M. Ferguson** of Greenville, S.C., on Jan. 16. John is the manager of the Greenville, S.C., airport.

1983

Nancy Deane of Auburn is a sales specialist with Gayfers.

Randall Forrest Tussey is an employee relations manager for The Arrow Co. in Atlanta. His wife, **Beverly Davis** '78, teaches at White Oak School in Coweta County, Ga.

Jodie Bush Clanton works as a dietitian at Partlow State School and Hospital in Tuscaloosa. She lives in Cottondale with her husband, **Jim Clanton** '85, a consultant pharmacist for Northport Health Services.

Jay Horton has been elected to a four-year term on the International Executive Board of FarmHouse Fraternity. He owns a hay and cattle farm outside Auburn.

Mary Beth Bridges is a research assistant at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

Susan Jane McCollum serves as a flight attendant for Delta Air Lines and lives in New Orleans, La.

Kitty Stinson Correia is a pharmacist for Walgreens in Daytona, Fla., where she and her husband, Brian, live.

1984

Steve Hunter is an electrical engineer with IBM at Research Triangle Park, N.C. He lives in Apex, N.C., with his wife, **Frances Stallings** '82.

Charles Darrell Deweese of Owens Cross Roads is a senior engineer for McDonnell Douglas Aerospace in Huntsville.

Oscar Ray Read, Jr., is a mechanical engineer at the Anniston Army Depot. He lives in Wellington with his wife, Leigh.

Mary Eileen Mulroony is a business development specialist for the Small Business Administration in Charlotte, N.C.

Robert Neil Lauder has been appointed dean of students at Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg, Va.

Suzanne Whatley Mercer of Deatsville teaches in Wetumpka.

Deidre Johnson Westbrook is a timeline engineer for Teledyne Brown Engineering in Huntsville, where she lives with her husband, **Stephen Todd Westbrook**, a senior program administrator for Avex Electronics, Inc.

Robert Mark Jackson is a lobbyist for the Medical Association of Alabama in Montgomery, where he lives with his wife, **Laurie Minshew** '85, an account representative for Sunday Dinner.

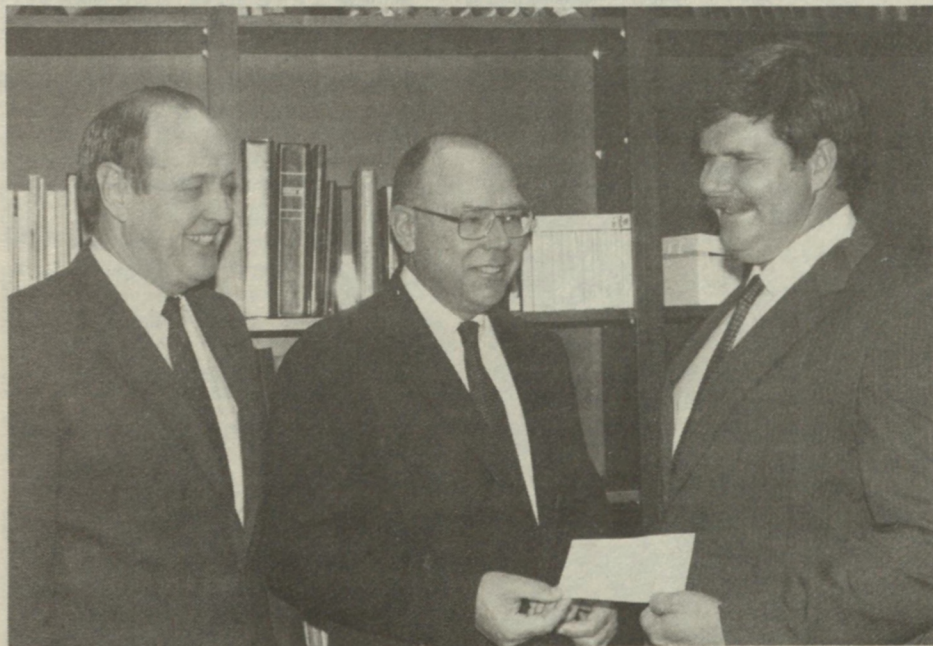
William Cran Upshaw, III, is an Agricultural Economics research assistant for the USDA micro-computer project at Auburn.

James Russell Kendrick is a partner with KSD Architectural Associates, Inc., in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Tamela Austin Lisle of West Point, Ga., is a project engineer for Hughes Georgia, Inc., in LaGrange, Ga.

1985

Nels E. Howalt of Smyrna, Ga., is a sales



SUPPORTING FORESTRY—Herman Jagers '70, right, of Champion International Corp. recently presented two checks to Auburn's School of Forestry—one for \$2,000 and another for \$4,000 on an \$8,000 pledge to help support a constituency fundraiser for forestry (to be located in the Alumni and Development Office). Accepting the gifts were Forestry Dean Emmett Thompson, center, and Alumni and Development Associate Director Dee Powell.



FABULOUS FACULTY—Faculty of the Year Awards were recently presented by the Student Government Association. Students nominated and selected one faculty member from each college and school on campus. Faculty honored included, left to right: Zoology and Wildlife Sciences Professor George Folkerts '68, College of Sciences and Mathematics; Nutrition and Foods Assistant Professor Margaret Craig-Schmidt, School of Human Sciences; Pharmacal Sciences Professor William Ravis, School of Pharmacy; and Curriculum and Teaching Associate Professor Terry Ley, College of Education.

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representative for Prince St. Technologies in Atlanta.

Rupert Emory Patton, III, DVM, practices at Susan Muller Animal Care Clinic and Hospital in Huntsville, where he lives with his wife, **Lois Royston**, a nurse.

Deanna Lowery Rogers is a branch manager for BankSouth in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Karl A. Carter, Jr., is senior claims representative for Progressive Companies in Pensacola, Fla. He lives in Pace, Fla., with his wife, **Vicki Rhodes** '84, a speech pathologist for Escambia County Schools.

Richard Jioner Hammett is a police officer in Charlotte, N.C.

Timothy Dwight Shelton is a construction engineer for West Point (Ga.) Construction Co. He lives in Lanett with his wife, Margaret.

Joanna L. Colvin of Columbus, Ga., is a quality assurance representative for Kentucky Fried Chicken.

George Fairleigh Allen is a sales representative for Arrow Electronics in Norcross, Ga.

James Bradley Basso of Atlanta teaches science at Shiloh High in Lithonia, Ga.

Laura Godbold Dennis is a speech pathologist in Montgomery, where she lives with her husband, William.

Brian Keith Stovall is a transportation engineer for the Georgia Department of Transportation in Atlanta. He lives in Dallas, Ga., with his wife, Holly.

Donna Braswell Faulkner is an account executive for InCAM Associates in Norcross, Ga. She lives in Atlanta with her husband, Greg.

Scott Jeffrey Sickler is an account executive for WLAG Radio in LaGrange, Ga.

Fiona A. Stewart of Auburn is professor of drama at Huntingdon College in Montgomery.

Robin Littrell Blackmon is senior accountant for Ernst & Whinney in Nashville, where she lives with her husband, **John L. Blackmon** '84, a salesman for Walker Williams Lumber Co. in Hatchechubee.

Kyle A. Reaves is an engineer for Universal Construction Co. in Decatur, where he lives with his wife, **Susan Belton**.

Randall Carter Miller is an architect for Richard Ravh & Associates, Ltd., in Atlanta.

Holly Lee Roe of Norcross, Ga., is an air traffic control specialist in Chamblee, Ga.

Christopher Carl Graham is a forester for Steve Crawford Forest Products, Inc., in Waynesboro, Ga., where he lives with his wife, **Rhonda Gail**, a teacher in Millen, Ga.

Lisa Ann Needham of Huntsville is a documentation specialist and designer at New Technology, Inc.

Lisa Varner is pursuing a doctorate in nutrition at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Ken Franklin Tanner is a cost accountant for Opp & Micolis Mills, Inc., in Opp, where he lives with his wife, Melissa.

Lt. Kevin R. Elmore has been designated a Naval aviator and has received the "Wings of Gold" after completing flight training.

1986

Jane McLester Meade works for Marriott Suites in Scottsdale, Ariz., as a sales manager.

Cynthia Leigh Huggins teaches at Redeemer Lutheran Church and School in Stuart, Fla.

George W. Sims, III, is in Fukushima, Japan, training with Munekata, Inc., as a mold maintenance engineer. In July he will move

to the firm's plastic injection molding facility in Dalton, Ga.

Cynthia E. Brown works at Brooks AFB, Tex., as an aerospace physiologist.

Larry W. Bross of Naples, Fla., is an engineer for Wilson, Miller, Barton, Soll & Peek, Inc.

Stephanie Cotton Snell, an actress, performs with the Theater Four Touring Company. Her husband, **D. Mark Snell** '87, attends graduate school at Virginia Commonwealth University. They live in Richmond, Va.

Paul D. Beasley teaches agribusiness at Fruitdale High and lives in Gadsden.

Ens. Carolyn A. Eibeck recently graduated from Officer Candidate School.

John S. Alexander is an accountant with Lechmann, Ullman and Barclay. He and his wife, Temple, live in Birmingham.

Edward K. Pigg teaches math and coaches in Lanett. He lives in Valley with his wife, Krista, an Auburn student.

Todd S. Milliard is an Army lieutenant stationed in West Germany.

Ens. Thomas J. D'Angelo recently completed flight training and is now a Naval aviator.

Madolyn Anderson Kelekci works for Macy's in Kenner, La., as a sales consultant. Her husband, **Ali Kelekci** '87, is a sales engineer with York International Corp. in St. Rose, La.

Charles G. Barnes of Greensboro, N.C., is a sales engineer for Johnson Controls.

Marjorie McMeans Caldwell is office and business manager of Animal Care Centers in Dadeville. She lives in Alexander City with her husband, John.

Rachel Anne Phillips works for Delta Air Lines as a flight attendant.

Laurie Katherine Williams teaches kindergarten at Jim Pearson School in Alexander City and lives in Dadeville.

1/Lt. Herman C. Reid is an Army platoon leader in Hardheim, West Germany.

Ens. Charles R. Webb recently completed the Basic Officer Course at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, Conn.

John S. Lee of Huntsville works for FCI Systems.

Henry A. Brown, III, is an attorney with Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison. His wife, **Amy Henderson** '87, is a first-year law student at the University of San Francisco. They live in San Francisco with their son, Jacob Anthony.

2/Lt. Eric E. Levins is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

Ens. John W. Coggins recently com-

pleted flight training and is now a Naval aviator.

Amy L. Westhoven attends physical therapy school at UAB.

Kelli Anne Murray teaches science at Weaver High and lives in Gadsden.

Terri Green-McAbee is an outpatient therapist at East Alabama Medical Center. She lives in Auburn with her husband, Scott, a student in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

John W. Barlow of Mary Esther, Fla., is an aerospace engineer with Orlando Technology, Inc.

Donna Marie Lewandowski works for Lifeco Travel Center in Jacksonville, Fla., as advertising and promotions coordinator.

MARRIED: Amy Jett to Jerry A. Wylie '87 on Oct. 1, 1988. She teaches special education in Greenville County, S.C., and he works for Sirrine Environmental Consultants as a project hydrogeologist. They live in Greer, S.C.

Cathy Stamps '88 to **James Paramore**. She is an aerospace engineer with Rockwell International and he is a procedures analyst with McDonnell Douglas. They live in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

BORN: A daughter, Elizabeth Avery, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Travis on May 24, 1988.

1987

S. Chris Shirley of Jonesboro, Ga., is a staff consultant with Andersen Consulting in Atlanta.

Charles T. Akin works at First Atlanta Bank and lives in Marietta, Ga.

Amy Smith is a speech pathologist in Cartersville, Ga., and lives in Smyrna, Ga.

Amy Leigh Carpenter works for Wildlife International Ltd. in Auburn as an aquatic biologist.

William H. Clem, III, is a forester for Resource Management Service in Opp and lives in Georgiana.

Mark Dubosky works for Vermont American in Auburn.

William (Lex) Harvey is a design engineer with American Cast Iron Pipe Co. in Birmingham. His wife, **Lauren Bradley** '86, teaches second grade with Hoover City Schools.

Jennifer E. Scarbrough is special events director for the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation in Orlando, Fla. She lives in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

Walter Edwin Grantham, III, is in his second year at Cumberland Law School in Birmingham.

Ens. Kristofer Eric Gant is stationed on the USS New Orleans, homeported in San Francisco, Calif.

Dwight L. Gamble is a loan and security officer at Headland National Bank.

Anthony J. Brinkmeier is plant manager for Clarke Checks, Inc., in El Paso, Tex.

Robert C. Rice, III, of Dallas, Tex., works as a manufacturing engineer for Texas Instruments.

Steven Blomeley is a regional supervisor for Southern Cross Corp. in Atlanta.

John Eric Burnum of Hartselle attends Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham.

Melissa Cheatwood Spencer works for Parisian in Birmingham.

Brent McKinney is campus life director for Greater Birmingham Youth for Christ. His wife, **Tracy Thomason** '88, is a customer service representative for Alabaster Industries.

Kristin Findley of Fort Worth, Tex., works for American Airlines.

Michael Samples is a property manager for Samples Properties in Huntsville, where he and his wife, Shannan, live.

Linda Elliott Davis is a pharmacist at Mobile Infirmary Medical Center, where her husband, **James (Jimbo) Davis** '88, is also a pharmacist.

Thomas Waudby is an accountant for Warren, Averett, Kimbrough & Marino in Birmingham.

Michael H. Wakefield of Atlanta is a fleet manager for J.B. Hunt.

Lance Long works as a department head with Castner Knott Co. in Huntsville. He and his wife, Mary Ann, live in Madison.



SGA AWARDS—Among those chosen as Student Government Association Faculty of the Year were, left to right: Large Animal Surgery and Medicine Assistant Professor Gatz Riddell '84, College of Veterinary Medicine; Agricultural Engineering Associate Professor E.W. Rochester, College of Engineering; and Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Professor William Hardy, College of Agriculture.

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Elisabeth K. Hand is public relations director for Jackson Hospital in Marianna, Fla.

David Mostellar is a salesman for Gulf Coast Marine Supply in Demopolis.

Kellie Morgan works as visual merchandise manager for Gayfers in Montgomery, where she and her husband, **Michael Morgan**, an employee of Parisian, live.

O. Cynthia Wilson of Smyrna, Ga., is an educational therapist at Cobb General Hospital's adolescent psychiatric unit in Austell, Ga.

Martha Morris Crews is store manager of Revco Discount Drugs in Columbus, Ga., and lives in Opelika with her husband, **Mickey Crews** '88. They have three children: Amanda, 15, Michael, 14, and Travis, 9.

Jon K. Overholtzer is an engineer with Golder Associates, Inc., and lives in Kingsland, Tex.

Russell Yates is an aerospace engineer for NASA at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Tex.

Laurie Nickchen is an intern architect for Jung/Brannen Associates, Inc., in Boston, Mass.

F. Collier Farnell is manager of administration for J. Ernest Farnell and Associates, Inc., in Mobile.

Jennifer Coe of Stone Mountain, Ga., is a commercial artist/directory composer for BellSouth Advertising & Publishing in Tucker, Ga.

Ens. **Kurt Honbarrier** is a student Naval aviator in Meridian, Miss.

Patricia L. Carter is a nutrition education coordinator for Providence Memorial Hospital in El Paso, Tex.

Burcher H. Gammage is a service representative for Metal Products Co. in Suwannee, Ga., and lives in Norcross, Ga.

Gabrielle Reeves Tunstall is a paralegal for Armbricht, Jackson, DeMooy in Mobile, where she and her husband, Stephen, live.

L. R. Scott Golden is a student pilot at Columbus AFB, Miss.

Claude L. Huey, III, is an engineering consultant for Simons-Eastern Consultants in Atlanta and lives in Dunwoody, Ga.

Ens. **Jeffrey M. Younger** is a Naval engineering officer aboard the USS MacDonough, homeported in Charleston, S.C. He lives in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

John L. Harper is a comptroller for Wiregrass Construction Co., Inc., in Enterprise. He lives in Dothan with his wife, **Jody Kamins** '86, a reporter for the *Dothan Eagle*.

Philip Guyton is a project engineer for Brown & Root, U.S.A., Inc., in Houston, Tex.

Kristi Antony Moore teaches at Davis School in Montgomery, where she and her husband, **Kenneth Frank Moore, Jr.**, live.

Daryl L. Roberts is a financial planner for Strain Associates in Birmingham. He lives in Trussville with his wife, **Karla Loggins** '84, who teaches at Cleveland High.

Jeffrey Green is a procurement forester for Union Camp Corp. in Chapman.

John (Ray) Caldwell teaches and coaches at Wrens (Ga.) High.

Alan Kumpf is operations manager for Food Services International. He lives in Tamarac, Fla.

Donald Gary Webb is an engineer for the Batesville (Ind.) Casket Co.

Daryl Thaxton is an engineer for Sverdrup Technology, Inc., at Eglin AFB, Fla. He and his wife, **Angela Martin** '86, live in Shalimar, Fla., and have two children, Wade, 4, and Blake, 1.

June B. Reid works as a hospital safety officer for NCMC in East Meadow, N.Y., and lives in North Bellmore, N.Y.

Jana Rittenhouse is a secretary for Richard Griffin in Chamblee, Ga., and lives in Roswell, Ga.

R. Scott Boothe works for Dynetics, Inc., in Huntsville.



CREAM OF THE CROP—The SGA recently chose recipients of this year's Faculty of the Year Awards. Among those winning, left to right, were: School of Forestry Associate Professor Graeme Lockaby; Speech Communication Professor Martha Solomon, Graduate School; School of Architecture Assistant Professor William Briggs; School of Nursing Assistant Professor Charlotte Pitts '82, and Marketing and Transportation Assistant Professor Ford Laumer '62, College of Business.

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Toncy Baasen works as a fitness instructor at Charter Health Center in St. Simons Island, Ga.

Toni Johnson is an exercise physiologist at Rehabilitation Associates, Inc., in Montgomery.

2/Lt. **Brian J. Hartig** has completed the Motor Transport Officers Leadership Course at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

MARRIED: Robin Haase to **Tony Brinkmeier** on Nov. 26, 1988. He has been promoted to manager of Clarke Checks' El Paso, Tex., plant.

BIRTH: A daughter, Kelly Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. **Vince Cadotte, Jr.**, on July 3, 1988. She joins brother Brian, 6. Vince is an estimator with Chris R. Sheridan & Co. in Macon, Ga. They live in Richmond Hill, Ga.

1988

W. Drake Nunn of Jupiter, Fla., is an associate management services analyst for Florida Power and Light in Juno Beach, Fla.

Karen L. Paschal is a staff auditor for Georgia Federal in Atlanta.

Robin L. Mitchell is a registered nurse in labor and delivery at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham.

Annette Parker Bohannon teaches at William H. Stephens Elementary in Alexander City. She and her husband, Paul, live in Goodwater.

Donald H. Land is an industrial design engineer for Leonard Peterson and Co., Inc., in Auburn. He and his wife, Teresa, live in Opelika.

Susan L. Brown of Dunwoody, Ga., is an assistant product manager for Bell South Services in Atlanta.

Gary S. Alexander of Hoover is an engineer for Southern Natural Gas in Birmingham.

Charlotte Cunningham is an interior designer for Wyatt Stapper Architects in Seattle, Wash.

Melissa S. Parks is an account executive for Shades Valley Sun in Birmingham.

Alfonso Lopez-Cardenas is a plant engineering manager for GenCorp Automotive in Wabash, Ind.

Larry W. Evans is a drive systems engineer for EMC, Inc., in Helena. He and his wife, Karen, live in Birmingham.

James M. Myers works for McCauley Association in Birmingham.

Michael R. Davidson of Auburn works for Dexter Lock.

Penny F. Guin is a pharmacist for Big B Drugs in Montgomery.

Jack R. Harris of Skipperville is an agribusiness instructor in the Dale County School System.

Richard K. Weaver is a helicopter pilot in the Army. He is stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Robert A. Funk is a physical therapy aide at East Alabama Medical Center in Opelika, where he lives with his wife, Alison.

Robert M. Caldwell is a management trainee for Ansell, Inc., in Dothan.

Alice M. McMahan of Decatur, Ga., works for Warringer Associates, Inc., in Atlanta.

Elizabeth P. Pruden of Dunwoody, Ga., is an accountant for Habif, Arogeti, and Wynne in Atlanta.

Jeff Platt is a seed technician for the Alabama Crop Improvement Association in Auburn.

Kirk P. Pressley of Birmingham is a cost accountant for U.S. Pipe Co.

Jonathan C. Phillips is an engineer for Lockheed Space Operations in Titusville, Fla. His wife, **Connie Friday**, is an accountant for Chambers Properties, Inc., in Merritt Island, Fla.

Jennifer L. Bevel is a loan collector for Auburn National Bank.

Donna J. LeCren is a loan counselor for the Alabama Power Credit Union in Birmingham.

Danny M. Sides of Shelby, N.C., is a textile overseer for TNS Mills, Inc., in Blacksburg, S.C.

Kevin L. Owsley is a flight instructor for Auburn. He and his wife, Pamela, live in Auburn.

Mark M. Tuggle is a forester for Chartered Foresters in Quincy, Fla.

Michael R. Higginbotham is a program director for the Northwest YMCA in Birmingham.

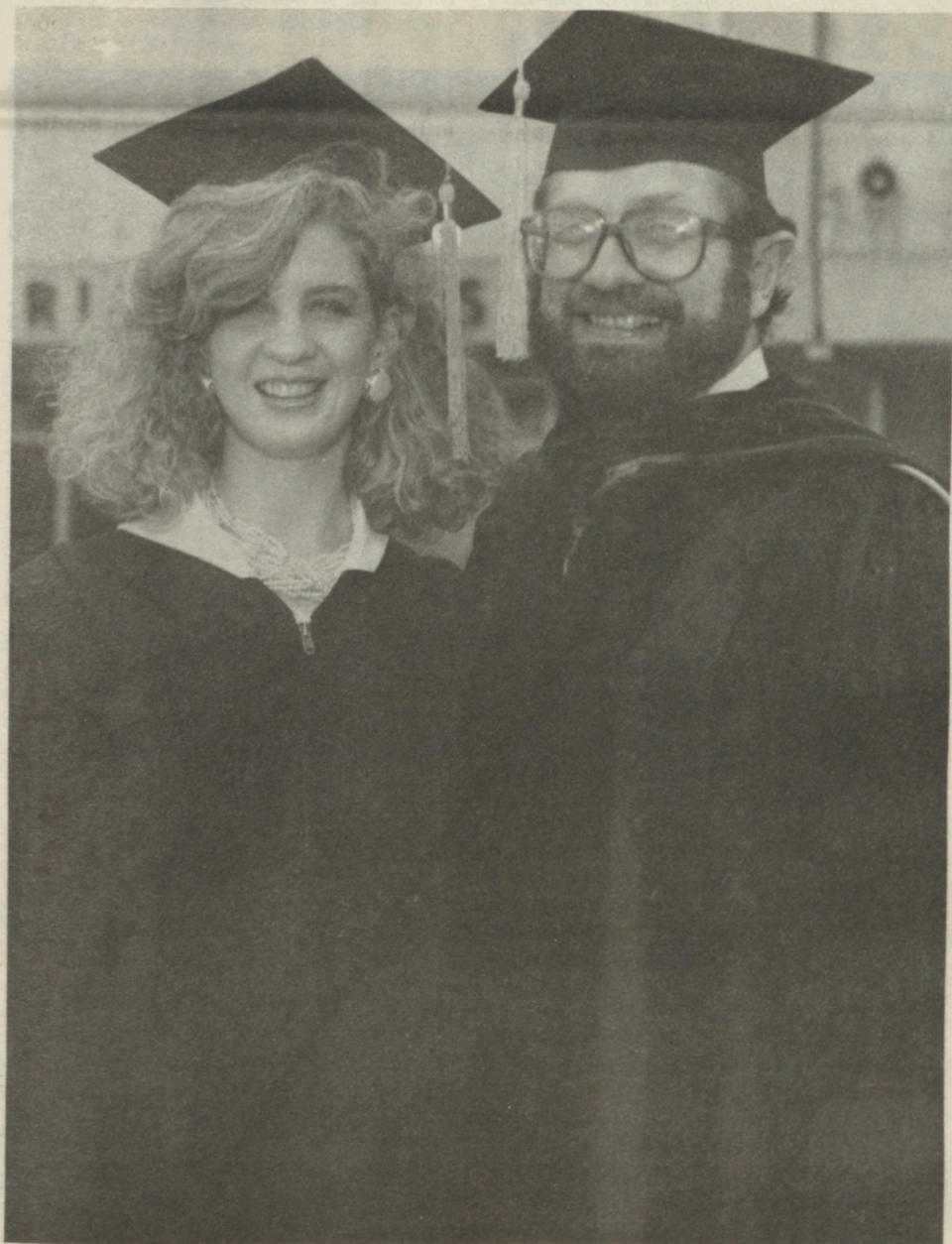
Joyce A. Neighbors is a pharmacist for Big B Drugs in Birmingham.

Laurence K. Davis of Clanton is an engineer for South Central Bell in Montgomery.

Jennifer L. Greer attends law school at Emory University in Atlanta.

Gary D. Gray of Opelika and his wife, Becky, have been named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. They will live in the Philippines, where they will develop churches and be involved in outreach ministries.

Jody Talley, Ed.D., of Carrollton, Ga., has received the Phi Delta Kappa award for the outstanding doctoral dissertation in the Southeast. She will present her dissertation, "The Effect of Picture and Story Text Structure on Recall and Comprehension," at the 1989 convention of the International Reading



LIKE FATHER, LIKE DAUGHTER—College of Business Acting Dean Robert Niebuhr, a management associate professor, was among the proud parents at Auburn's graduation March 17 as he watched his daughter, Jennifer, receive a degree in accounting.

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GUIDING THE FUTURE—The Advisory Council of the School of Accountancy recently met on campus to discuss the progress of their school and to gather for this picture. Members attending included, left to right, front row: Van Henley '80, Atha Beard '60, Rhett Riley '58, Steve Boucher '77, Mitch Poole '69, Ken Baggett '77, and Bob Greer '66. Row 2: Doug Bess '63, Elton Wolfe, Bob King '57, Jack Bridges '51, Don Machen '62, Bill Koons '77, and Scott Weldon. Row 3: Director Bob Rouse, Al Bledsoe '72, Tom Borden '51, Tony Brill '69, and Lee Stovall '67.

Association. She teaches gifted students in Carroll County, Ga.

Christopher P. Burt is a personnel manager for Burlington Industries. He and his wife, **Tana Hays**, a typesetter, live in Johnson City, Tenn.

Paul J. Brown is the pastor for New Elkahatchee Baptist Church. He and his wife, Leannel, live in Alexander City.

Kerry H. Wilkerson of Huntsville is a project manager for Gentrac, Inc., in Decatur.

Sidney M. Harrell, Jr., is a clerk for Vickers, Riis, Murray, and Curran Attorneys at Law in Mobile.

Eleanor M. Caudill, DVM, practices at Rowley Memorial Animal Hospital in Springfield, Mass.

Brent N. Mossholder is an assistant manager for Foot Locker in Auburn.

Harold L. Daniels of Cullman is a district executive for Boy Scouts of America Tennessee Valley Council in Huntsville.

Kevin R. Kirkland is an accountant for Mauldin and Jenkins, CPAs, in Albany, Ga.

Teresa G. Faust of Martinez, Ga., is a procurement forester for Federal Paper Board Co. in Louisville, Ga.

Julie Davenport is a project specialist for the Auburn Textile Engineering Department.

Terry W. Carroll of Hartselle is an associate engineer for McDonnell Douglas in Huntsville.

Madeline Ingrid Duks is a business director for the Harpeth YMCA in Brentwood, Tenn.

Alan P. Hooley is a staff property accountant for Boeing Aerospace Operations, Inc., in Cocoa Beach, Fla.

Michael B. Willoughby of New Boston, Tex., is a general engineer for the Army Material Command in Texarkana, Tex.

Kathy R. Ray is a graphic designer for Wolf Camera and Video in Atlanta, Ga.

Charles A. Thomas is a soil scientist for P.E. Lamoreaux and Associates in Tuscaloosa.

Haley J. Holliman is an accountant for B.A.S.S., Inc., in Montgomery.

Stephanie D. Fritz of Fort Payne is a

construction estimator for Fritz Structural Steel in Valley Head.

Donald D. Wilsdorf, Jr., is a process engineer for Occidental Chemical Co in Sheffield. He and his wife, Sherri, live in Florence.

Joan M. Bell of Birmingham is a pharmacist for Crown Health Resources in Hoover.

Mary K. Moore is an elementary school teacher in Birmingham.

David L. Amerson is an engineer for Southern Natural Gas in Birmingham. He and his wife, Cheryl, live in Hueytown.

John B. Walsh is a sales engineer for American Cast Iron Pipe Co. in Birmingham.

John M. Moseley is the president of St. John Oil, Inc., in Grove Hill.

Linda M. Lovvorn teaches math at Rosemont Elementary in LaGrange, Ga.

Christina L. Weaver of Fort Worth, Tex., is a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

Stanley B. Pitchford is an electrical engineer at Eglin AFB. He and his wife, Pam, live in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., with their daughter, Stacey, 6.

Rachael S. Rhodes of Birmingham is a professional horse trainer for Mt. Pinson Arabians.

Gregory K. Henderson is a computer systems engineer for EPOS Corp. in Auburn. He and his wife, Latisha, live in Opelika.

Christopher S. Roebuck is a staff engineer for Soil and Material Engineers in Macon, Ga.

Carol L. Williams is a staff accountant for Habif, Arogeti and Wynne, P.C., in Atlanta.

Cammille A. Bryan is an interior design assistant for Chambless and Associates in Montgomery.

Robert P. Dyer of Prattville is a materials control engineer for RUST International Corp. in Birmingham.

Thomas G. Rhodes is an electrical engineer for Vitro IRSP in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. He lives in Freeport, Fla.

David B. Ewing is an engineer for McDonnell Douglas Corp. in Huntsville.

Jason S. Blake is an operations officer for SouthTrust Bank in Alexander City.

Glenn A. Mizell of Arab is an assistant controller for Thompson White, Inc., in Huntsville.

David R. King is an internal auditor for First Alabama Bancshares in Montgomery.

Jerry Schlesinger is an accountant for East Alabama Medical Center. He and his wife, Debbie, live in Opelika.

Todd G. Hyman is a construction estimator for Ohmeda Medical Engineering in Norcross, Ga.

The following have been promoted to the rank of ensign while serving at NROTC Unit, Auburn: **Kevin N. Overton**, **Jeffrey L. Smith**, **Henry L. Maddix**, **Scot E. Chambers**, **David L. Tidwell**, **Kevin L. Barrett**, **Patrick J. Mrachek**, **Pam E. Hudson**, **Christopher R. Retzer**, **Kevin P. Sudhoff**, **Monica L. Palermo**, **James W. Scott Nickson**, **Alphonso L. Wilson**, **David E. Roberts**, **Kenneth D. Pickens**, **Carl H. Bolter**, **Stephen D. Ames**, **Robert K. Bourke**, and **David W. Lankewicz**.

Kenneth W. Jones, M.Ed., teaches math for Macon County Schools. He lives in Notasulga.

Patrick C. Slay is an industrial engineer for IBM in Research Triangle Park, N.C. He and his wife, **Jill Williams**, live in Raleigh, N.C.

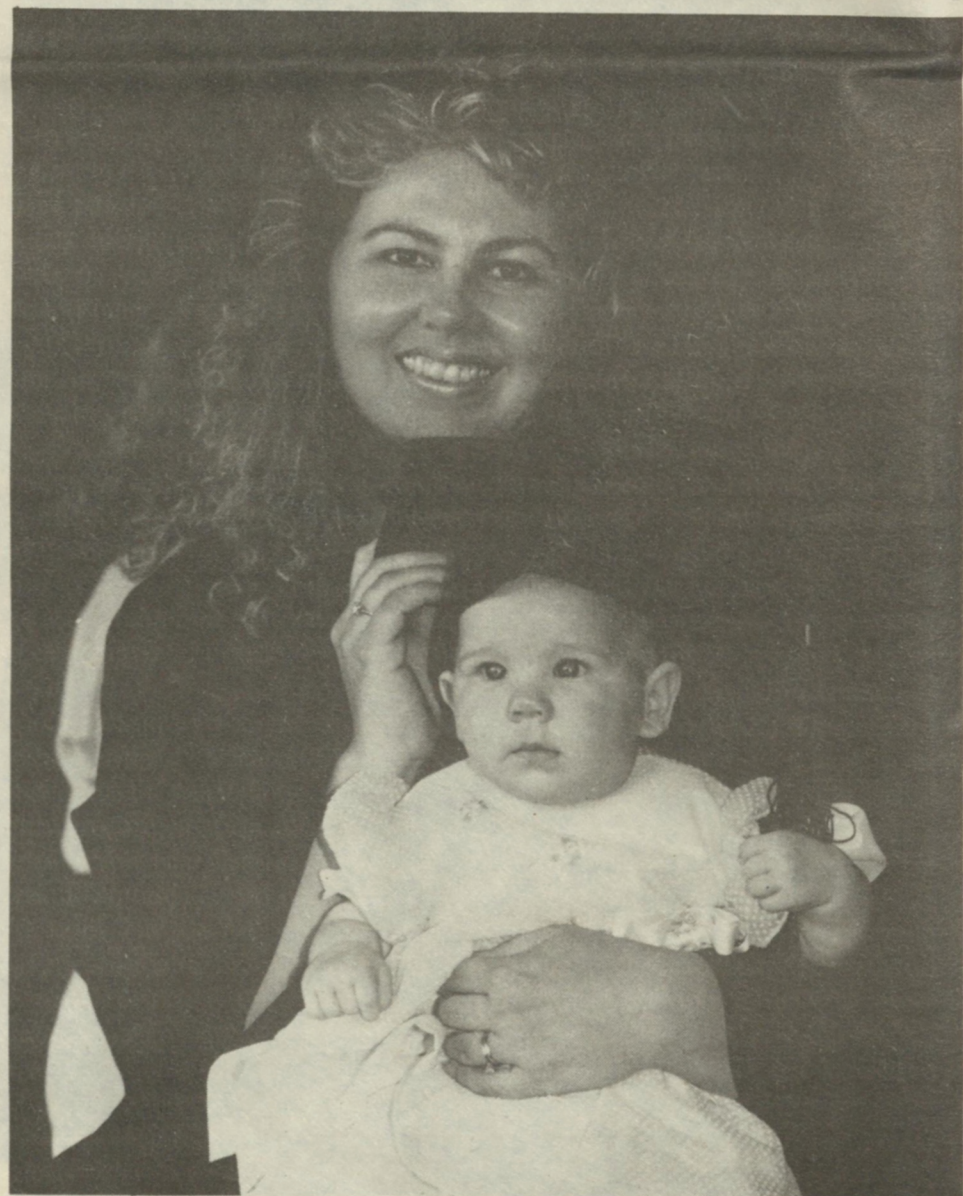
Shannon R. Kelly of Dunwoody, Ga., is a special education teacher for DeKalb County schools.

Anne C. Newman is an accountant for Reznick, Fedder, and Silverman in Montgomery.

James A. Nelson, Jr., of Birmingham is an operations manager for Robbins Manufacturing and also a graduate student in management at Birmingham Southern.

William T. Walls is an associate engineer for McDonnell Douglas in Huntsville, where he lives with his wife, Kristen.

Shihwu Sung is a research assistant for the Iowa State University Department of Civil Engineering while working towards a Ph.D. He and his wife, Wen, live in Ames, Iowa.



SMALLEST GRADUATE—Little Kelli Howell did not enter Auburn on an accelerated program—at least not yet—but she did turn out to see mom Carol Owsley Howell '89 receive her degree in family and child development at winter graduation recently. Kelli is also the daughter of Randy Howell '84.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan



TRAVELING TIGERS—These War Eagle Travelers gathered on campus recently to reminisce about their favorite tours. Left to right, they are, Row 1: Pat Dunaway, Kaye Lovvorn '64, Ruth Dupree, Dot Richardson, T.C. McCain '41, Mrs. T.C. McCain, Mrs. Charles Mayton, William Malone '41, Shirley Avery, William A. Hardwick '63, Sarah H. Hardwick, Homer Urquhart '47, Mrs. Homer Urquhart, Mrs. Tyler J. Young, Frances Stevenson, Mrs. Jim F. Clark, Jim F. Clark '48, and Pat Brackin. Row 2: Bob Harris, Morris Roberts, Roy Wilcox '31, Stone Hodo, Roy Childress '50, Mrs. W.J. Howard, Jr., W.J. Howard, Jr., '47, Robert Avery '42, Marion O'Donnell, Martha Nichols, Doris Hietanen, Mary Rosser Burkhardt '38, Bob Strain, Dr. Tyler J. Young '40, Bob Stevenson '50, Glenn Brackin, and Julian Holmes '62. Row 3: Tommy Amason '31, Warren Fleming, Dr. George D. Schrader '69, Biddie R. Schrader, Athol Sylvester '38, Francis Hug Sylvester '68, Bill Massa '35, Mrs. Bill Massa, Elida Utter Mathews '49, Jake B. Mathews '48, Charles O'Donnell

'46, Joan B. Speights, James Garrett '38, Hester Garrett, Frances King, Virginia Vinson, Reginald R. Cain '39, Evelyn Cain, E.W. Griffith, and Mrs. E.W. Griffith. Row 4: Mrs. Tommy Amason, Frank Jones '50, Joanna Deer Jones '51, Mildred Rogers, Sam Booker '47, Sara Connell Booker '45, Marjorie Ware, Frances Wayt, James Davis '52, Anne Klein Davis '50, Molly Brasfield Sarver '38, Joe Sarver '37, Warren S. Craven '49, Bonnie Craven, Myrtis Norman, Wallace Norman '48, Eleanor Bradwell, Gordon Bradwell, Tom Vana, and Bill Pollack. Row 5: Terry Purcell, Cile Montgomery, L.R. Tabor '34, George W. Willard '42, Abbie K. Willard, Kathy C. Willard, Chad Willard, Eugene Tomlinson '36, Mrs. Eugene Tomlinson, Floyd Likins '69, Clarence E. Thomas '43, Mrs. Clarence E. Thomas, Mrs. James A. Shepherd, Dr. James A. Shepherd, Dr. Wilford Bailey '42, Sheila Eckman '85, Nancy Graves, Eric Graves, and Kathy Vana.

—Photo by Village Photographers

Susan Smith Nelson teaches kindergarten at Central Elementary in Lanett, where she and her husband, **Bryan Nelson** '87, live.

2/Lt. James R. Judkins has been promoted to his present rank while serving at Auburn's NROTC Unit.

Tina Marie Cunningham of Auburn is a teacher at Loachapoka High.

George D. Hardison is an intern architect for The Architect's Group in Mobile.

Anna Elaine Crump is a merchandiser manager for J.C. Penney in Auburn.

Russell W. Ricks of Childersburg is a technician for Vulcan Binder and Cover in Vincent.

Mary Deanna Norred of Fayetteville, Ga., is a customer service representative for Georgia Pacific Corp.

Valerie June Wooten of Tucker, Ga., is a clerical worker for Kelly Temporary Service in Atlanta.

Lynda Livingston Walden, Ed.D., is a teacher and librarian in the Baldwin County school system. She and her husband, **Joe Walden** '69, DVM, live in Foley. They have two children, Richard and Elizabeth.

Lylia Lucio of Norcross, Ga., is a sales associate for Macy's in Dunwoody, Ga.

Tony A. Reed is a commercial marketing engineer for Georgia Power in Statesboro, Ga.

Devron Antoine Veasley is an auxiliary clerk for Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Birmingham.

Kevin W. Wales is a geotechnical engineer for Law Engineering, Inc., in Birmingham.

Daniel L. Price is an environmental engineer for the Alabama Department of Environmental Management in Montgomery. He and his wife, Josandra, live in Clanton.

Gayle Johnson DiBenedetto is an intervention teacher at Auburn Junior High. She lives in Auburn with her husband, **Guy DiBenedetto** '83, and their children, Guy, Jr., and Betsy.

J. Martin Jernigan of Oxford, Miss., is a pharmacist for Chaney's Pharmacy and a graduate student at the University of Mississippi.

Gina Mia Cavalli of Pace, Fla., is a migrant tutor for the Title I government program.

Susan Fuller Schmidt is a sales manager for Hess's in Virginia Beach, Va. She and her husband, Thomas, live in Norfolk, Va.

Kelli J. Petty is a travel consultant for

All Points Travel Service, Inc., in Brentwood, Tenn. She lives in Nashville.

Elizabeth Ann Westmoreland is a pharmacist for Eckerd Drugs in Birmingham. She lives in Fultondale.

Margaret Moore teaches sixth grade for the Clayton County, Ga., school system. She lives in Decatur, Ga.

John D. Sims is an assistant director of pharmacy for Hartselle Medical Center.

Mary M. O'Donnell is a NASA mechanical engineer at Marshall Space Flight Center. She lives in Huntsville.

Ettye Frances Smiley of Eclectic is a graphic designer for Diversified Products in Opelika.

Cheryl Barrier Powell, DVM, practices at Ahsokie (N.C.) Animal Hospital. She and her husband, David, live in Colerain, N.C.

William M. Pinson is a coordinator for Roadway Package System of Nashville. He lives in Chattanooga.

William D. Lee, Jr., is an engineer for J.T. Schrimsher Construction, Inc., in Huntsville.

Michelle Haney is a registered nurse with St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham.

Rodney V. Jolley is a management associate for Barnett Bank in Winter Park, Fla. He lives in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

John R. Stockdale is a project manager for Motorola in Atlanta.

Christopher J. Lundberg is a field service engineer for Cellico, Inc., in Norcross, Ga.

Will McFarlin, IV, is a transmission facilities engineer for Central Telephone Co. in Tallahassee, Fla.

Julie A. Martin teaches at Reese Road Elementary in Columbus, Ga.

Melissa Lynne Rayfield is a student in Auburn's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Paul Kendrick is with an architectural illustration firm and also taking classes on landscape architecture at San Diego University. His thesis project, the design of a North American Gulf Coast Indian museum for Fort Walton Beach, Fla., is being considered for use by the city.

Jerome H. Hamilton is a graduate research assistant for Auburn's Space Power Institute. He lives in Phenix City with his wife, Felicia, and their daughters, Amber, 5, and Jessica, 1.

Tami McCray Reid is an instructor at Troy State in Montgomery, where she lives

with her husband, Terry, and their daughter, Tera Frances.

Andrew M. Gilman, Ph.D., is the senior process chemist for Mobay Corp. in New Martinsville, W.Va. He lives in Wheeling, W.Va., with his wife, Laura, and their daughter, Samantha.

MARRIED: Laura Lee Kennedy to Robert E. Walden, II, on Mar. 11. They live in Dalton, Ga.

Patricia Kelley to Joseph Mitchell '86 on Mar. 4. Joseph is a sales representative for Hertz Equipment Rental in Huntsville.

Jerolyn Dean to Will Hardy, Jr., '80 on Sept. 3, 1988. Will is an Auburn Extension Service assistant county agent in Clayton.

Ginger Whatley to Bob Cowles in June, 1988. Bob is a district manager for Lindquist Steels, Inc., and Ginger works for Bell's Traditionals. They live in Knoxville, Tenn.

Teresa Joanne Burt to Joel W. Harris on Sept. 10, 1988. She works for Wal-Mart. They live in Auburn.

Rebecca Elaine Bloodworth '86 to **James L. Courson** on Sept. 10, 1988. Rebecca works for Turner Broadcasting Systems, Inc., in Atlanta, where James works for U.S. Business Equipment, Inc. They live in Dunwoody, Ga.

Mary Julia Sullivan to James E. Powell, III, on Aug. 13, 1988. Mary works for Western International Media in Atlanta, and James works for Southco Graphics in Norcross, Ga. They live in Atlanta.

Jennifer Clair Webb to Mark A. Jones in December 1988. Mark works for McDevitt and Street in Macon, Ga., where Jennifer is an accountant for Clifton, Lipford, and Taylor, CPA.

Kelli Machele Chavers to Michael Barrett on Oct. 8, 1988. They live in Fairfield, Ohio.

Cynthia Babette (Babs) Turner to Larry J. George on Dec. 17, 1988. Babs is a syndication associate for J.B. Turner Corp. in Roanoke. Larry is a medical student at UAB.

BORN: A son, Joshua, to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Dickman (Belinda Adams) on May 4, 1988. Belinda is a technical writer for Auburn's Department of Chemical Engineering. They live in Auburn.

A daughter, Kristin Nicole, to Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas A. James** on Sept. 10, 1988. Thomas is in the Navy.

A daughter, Courtney Nicole, to Mr. and Mrs. **Ernest Chris Overcash** on Oct. 2,

1988. She joins sister Valerie, 2. The family lives in Warner Robins, Ga., where Ernest is an electronics engineer at Robins AFB.

In Memoriam

Compiled by Nelda Griffin

Mr. Selman Lamar Threadgill '20
Mr. Ralph M. Wood '20
Mr. Lucien K. Basore '22
Mr. C. Elliott Carper, Jr., '22
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Mr. Willis L. Owen '24
Mr. Frank E. Russey '26
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Dr. Lee Roy Mims '32
Mr. Perry B. Schuessler '32
Mr. Fred R. Bell, Jr., '35
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Mrs. Olga Snead McCord '37
Mr. Herbert Barnes '38
Miss Martha Della Foshee '38
Miss Mary Jeter '38
Col. John S. Pollard, Jr., '38
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Mr. William Hubert Abernethy '42
Mr. John H. Daniel, Jr., '42
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Dr. Samuel Luther Tisdale '42
Mr. Harry W. Crysell '44
Mr. Shelbert L. Higgins '48
Mr. William M. Evans, Jr., '49
Mr. James M. Gilmer, Jr., '49
Mrs. Dorothy Sellers Webb '50
Mr. Clarence B. Grund, Jr., '51
Dr. Ensel Coolidge Stutts '51
Mr. Roy Martin Schmarkey '53
Mrs. Joan Dimick Burch '54
Mr. Carl H. Raley '57
Mrs. Eleanor Haynes Wood '59
Mr. Bryant Worthly '59
Mrs. Jo Ann Jackson Bowling '61
Mr. John Meredith Snell '62
Dr. Kenneth Earl Landers '63
Mr. Lawrence Dempsey, Jr. '64
Dr. Bill R. Scarbrough '64
Mr. Michael Kingman Lyman '71
Mrs. Sally Bramlett Sullivan '71
Mr. Larry Gilbert Pilgrim '75
Mr. Douglas Ryan Connell '83
Miss Valerie Dawn Hanks '86

CORRECTION—In our March issue we incorrectly reported Mr. William H. Abernathy '74 as deceased. We are happy to report that Mr. Abernathy is alive and well, living in Camden, Ark.

Sports

Sonny Leaves AU For Virginia Commonwealth, Search Underway For Replacement

After 11 years as head coach of the Tigers, Auburn's Sonny Smith has accepted the head coaching position at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in Richmond, Va., a member of the Sun Belt Conference. Coach Smith made the announcement March 19, and officially took over the program at VCU the following day.

While at Auburn, Smith compiled a record of 173-154 and was named Southeastern Conference (SEC) Coach of the Year in 1984 and 1988. He also led the Tigers to five straight NCAA Tournament appearances from 1984 to 1988 and an SEC Tournament Championship in 1985. Smith almost left Auburn on two other occasions—once considering the head coaching job and athletic directorship at East Tennessee State University and in 1985 considering retirement—but both times decided to remain.

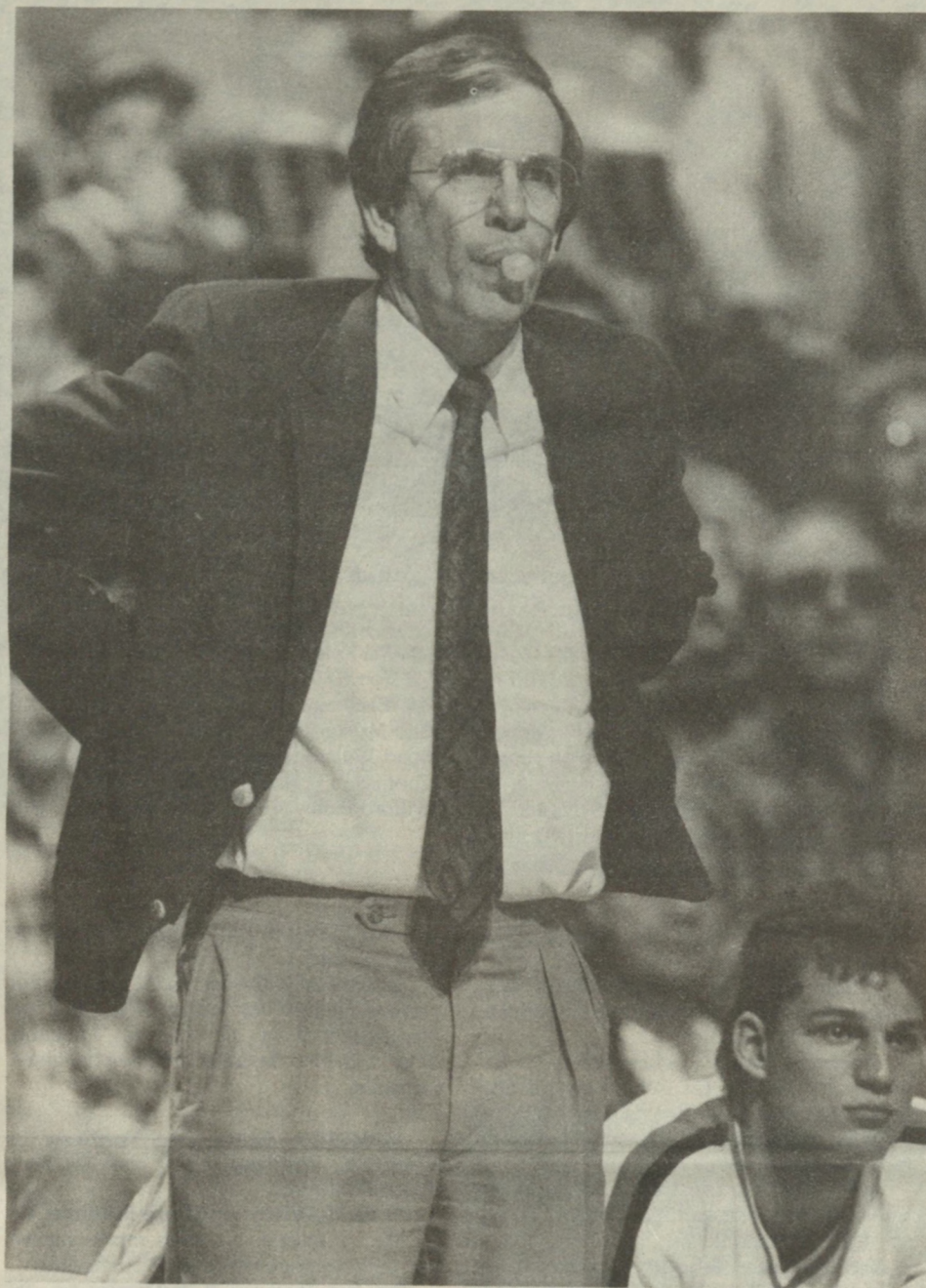
This past season, however, the Tiger program fell on hard times. A series of injuries, defections, and suspensions left Smith with only eight scholarship players, and the Tigers struggled to a miserable 9-19 season, 2-16 in the SEC. Auburn's lack of success this season—and a poor recruiting effort caused in part by the unexpected losses of forward Corey Walker (transferred), guard Johnny Benjamin (suspended) and forward Kelvin Ardister (suspended)—caused Smith to consider VCU's offer more seriously.

"I'd still be here if we'd recruited worth a plugged nickel," Smith said. I've said that finances was the reason, but that's not really true. I told the staff to get four players or I was leaving. We didn't get them."

Unsure that he would be able to return the Auburn program to the heights it enjoyed just two seasons ago, Smith decided the time was right to step aside and leave that task to someone else. "I think Auburn needs new blood," he said. "They need new direction, a new style, and a new type of excitement."

Smith said his personal low point this season came in the SEC Tournament, when the 10th-seeded Tigers were eliminated in the opening round by Ole Miss. "I think the tournament, not being able to go anywhere, that was about the emptiest feeling I've had here. I didn't know what to do with myself. I didn't feel right about anything."

"I would like to stay at Auburn," he continued, "but I just don't see any way I can. Auburn needs to win and I don't think we did the things in recruiting we needed to do to win. It's a very difficult thing for me to leave. I like this place and I like this state and the people here."



SO LONG SONNY—After coaching the Tigers to five NCAA Tournaments and an SEC Tournament championship since he arrived in 1978, Auburn head basketball coach Sonny Smith has departed to become head coach at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. Smith burst the bubble of speculation March 19, announcing his decision to take the VCU position and sparking a search for a successor which Auburn athletic officials hope to be complete by national high school recruit signing date, April 15.

—Photo by AU Photo Services

I like the SEC and the way I've been treated by the administration here. Any time you leave a place like this you feel like you're letting somebody down. But the minute I agreed to go up to VCU and visit, that ended it."

Smith said he hoped that Auburn people would remember him for his successes rather than his final season. "I hope that people won't remember me for the problems we've had this last year. Instead, I would like people to remember me as being an Auburn man. That's what I was."

Auburn Associate Athletic Director Hindman Wall '58 said that a nationwide search for a new head basketball coach would begin immediately, though he would not set a timetable for a decision. Although signing date for high school basketball recruits is April 15, Wall said the search would not be rushed. "I would want to go out and search for the best possible person, whether he be from our staff or from somewhere else. It is far more important to get the right person than to make a hasty decision and get the wrong person."

Athletic Director Pat Dye also said the search would be a careful one. "We would like to select a new coach as soon as possible, but timing is not our main concern," he said. "Our biggest concern is getting the right person—someone who can bring championship basketball to Auburn in the 1990s."

Dye thanked Smith for the job he did and expressed regret at Smith's decision to leave. "Naturally, we hate to see Sonny leave Auburn. Some of our greatest years in basketball have come while he has been here and we will always appreciate his work and dedication."

Jerry F. Smith '64, executive director of alumni and development, also expressed thanks for Smith's outstanding service to the Alumni Association and Auburn alumni clubs around the country. "Sonny always went out of his way to help when we needed a speaker at a club meeting or Alumni Association gathering," Smith noted. "In spite of his consistently busy personal schedule, he always found time to help. And no one

was more popular with Auburn people—once he spoke to a group they always wanted him back. Sonny was a true Auburn person and both the Alumni Association and the university will miss him."

Lady Tigers Clinch '89 Mid-East Title, Off to Final Four

Coach Joe Ciampi's Auburn Lady Tigers put another touch on their season of superlatives March 25, battering Ole Miss 77-51 in Eaves Memorial Coliseum to clinch their second consecutive NCAA Mid-East Regional crown and trip to the NCAA Women's Final Four in Tacoma, Wash. The Lady Tigers will try to put the final touches on another incredible season when they meet Louisiana Tech in the semi-finals March 31. The game will be a rematch of last season's championship game, won by the Lady Techsters 56-54.

After finishing the regular season undefeated (26-0) and clinching the SEC title for the second time in a row, the Lady Tigers lost their first game of the year to Tennessee in the finals of the SEC Tournament in Albany, Ga. Auburn returned to form with three NCAA Tournament wins to pave the way back to the Final Four, beating Temple 88-58 in the second round before edging Clemson (71-60) and Ole Miss in the Mid-East Regional. The Lady Tigers head to Tacoma with a 31-1 record—best in the nation.

Senior All-American center Vickie Orr, 1988 SEC Player of the Year, has led the Auburn women through the NCAA Tournament so far. In the second round against Temple, Orr scored 27 points and pulled down 16 rebounds as the Lady Tigers broke a 33-33 halftime deadlock to pull away to a 30-point win. Fellow senior Ruthie Bolton chipped in 13 points and six assists from her guard spot, while sophomore forward Patrena Scruggs and junior center Linda Godby added 12 points each.

The Clemson Lady Tigers provided Auburn with their sternest test of the tournament so far, trailing by only four late in the game until Auburn pulled away in the final two minutes with some clutch free throw shooting. Once again, Orr was the Tigers' main weapon, as she scored 12 points and pulled down 12 rebounds. Sophomore guard Carolyn (C.J.) Jones also posted her best game of the tournament, with 17 points to pace all Auburn scorers.

The Lady Tigers were a different team against Ole Miss in the regional final. Playing some of their most intense defense of the season, Auburn forced 20 Lady Rebel turnovers and put the game away in the first seven minutes of the second half with a 16-0 run to push their nine-point halftime lead to 53-28. Orr led the Auburn women with 18 points and six rebounds. Godby added 13 points, while senior forward Jocelyn

McGilberry chipped in with 11. Orr, Godby, and Bolton were named to the Mid-East Regional All-Tournament Team, with Orr also pulling down Most Valuable Player honors. With Orr's 18 points in her final home game, she also became only the second Lady Tiger ever to break the 2,000 point mark in career scoring.

Following the game, the Lady Tigers took a few minutes to enjoy the win with a coliseum crowd of more than 5,000, most of whom remained after the game to celebrate. But there was no cutting down of the nets. The mission that the Lady Tigers have been on since last April—when conditioning work began only one week after their loss to Louisiana Tech—won't be complete unless they win two more games in Tacoma and bring a national title back to Auburn.

Baseball Tigers Are Taking SEC Lumps

Coach Hal Baird's baseball Tigers have been a Jekyll and Hyde act so far in the young season, going 12-2 against non-conference foes, but only 5-7 against SEC opponents, for a 17-9 overall slate.

Auburn opened the conference wars by taking two of three home games from Vanderbilt and then beat Ole Miss twice in Oxford. But the wheels came off when Georgia visited the Plains, as the Tigers dropped two of three to the previously SEC-winless Bulldogs. The following weekend proved even worse, as Mississippi State pounded Auburn pitching on the way to a three-game sweep in Starkville.

Say It Ain't So, Sonny

By Mike Jernigan '80

Say it ain't so, Sonny.

Say you left to take the job at Virginia Commonwealth because after five straight NCAA trips, attendance at Auburn basketball games was just as miserable as when you arrived in 1978 to take over a team in shambles.

Say you left because at a football school like Auburn, basketball will always play second-fiddle—no matter what the caliber of play—and there is no hope that Auburn people will ever give Tiger basketball the support it needs.

Say you left because while you were here, two of the greatest players ever to play the collegiate game—Charles Barkley and Chuck Person—toiled thanklessly during their time at Auburn, never gaining the recognition they deserved either from the press or the fans.

Say you left because, even after you compiled a winning record in NCAA Tournament play and were twice named SEC Coach of the Year, you were still the Rodney Dangerfield of college basketball, never getting any respect for your considerable ability.

But don't say, as you did when accepting your new job at VCU, that you left because you felt you "could win quicker" at VCU than you could at Auburn. Don't say, in effect, that you left an Auburn program that—because of several bad recruiting years and a host of problems on and off the court this year—is in even more disarray than when you replaced Paul Lambert 11 years ago. Don't tell us now that the mess that the program has become with you at the helm was too big for you to clean up.

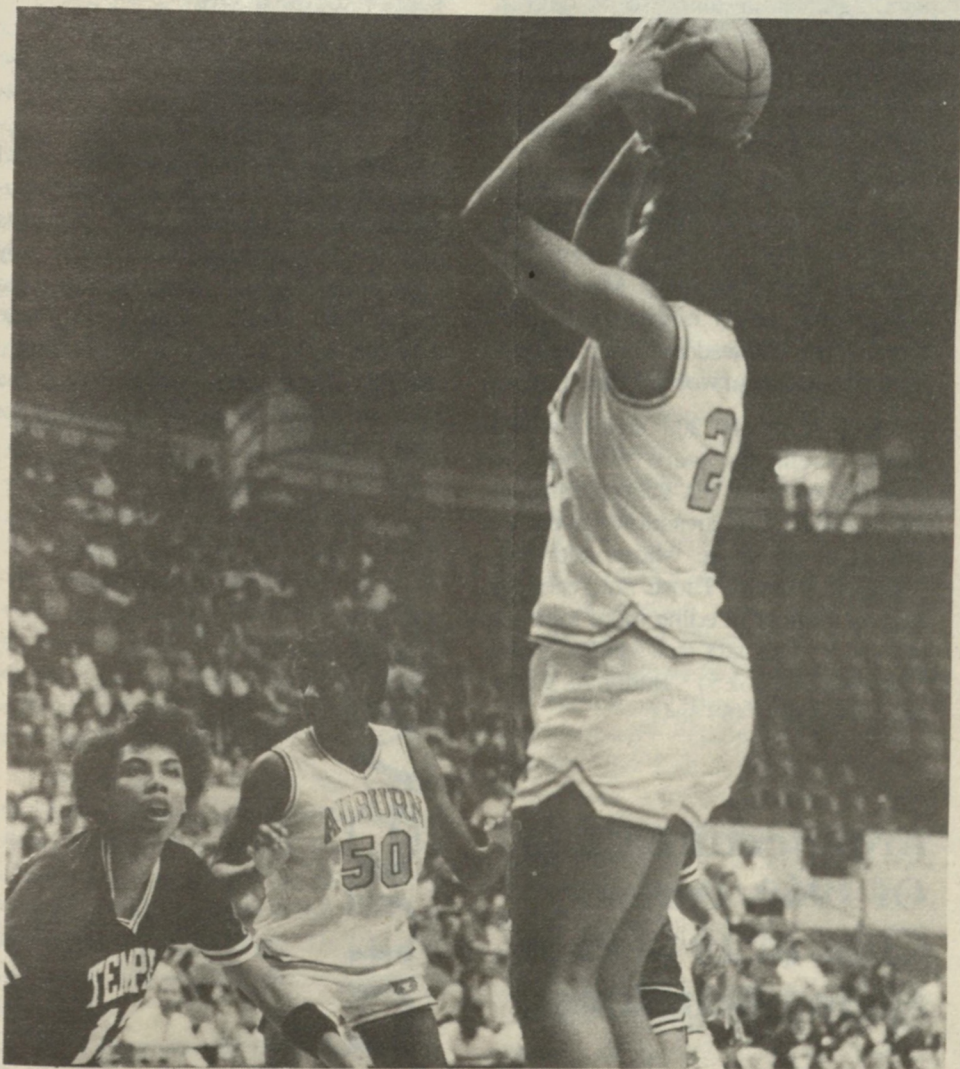
Knowing you like I do, I prefer to think that's not what you really meant when you said those things.

For if there was anything you taught Auburn people—and they taught you—it was that winning wasn't everything, though it might have been different had you been a football coach. That's not to say that you didn't win while you were here. Auburn enjoyed more success in your 11 years as coach than at any other time in its basketball history. But all along, even during those years when you didn't win big, Auburn people liked and accepted you because you were a good person—not because you were a good or bad coach. And that acceptance was a very rare commodity in these days of "win at all costs" college athletics, as many other coaches who may be great people, but not great enough winners, find out every year. Ask Don Devoe at Tennessee.

Twice before, you talked about leaving Auburn—once going so far as to turn in your resignation. But a bunch of over-achieving kids went out and won you the SEC Tournament title, and a bunch of loyal fans turned out at Sewell Hall in the wee hours of the morning to welcome you back and ask you to stay. You changed your mind then, and Auburn took you back. When your name was first mentioned for the VCU job, you said you wouldn't be interested—that you owed too much to Auburn to leave the program as down as it was. But you changed your mind again.

Whatever the case, someone else will come in and rebuild the Auburn program. And I'm sure most Auburn people will wish you well at VCU. But you were right when you told a Richmond reporter that, when it was made public that you were leaving after all, some Auburn people might not understand your stated reasons. "I don't think it would ever be the same," you said.

You were right. And that's too bad.



COUNT IT—Sophomore guard Patrena Scruggs shoots for two of her 12 points in the Lady Tigers' 88-54 second round NCAA Tournament victory over the Temple Owls. The Lady Tigers, 31-1 at press time, are playing in the NCAA Women's Final Four for the second straight year.

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The Tigers' pitching woes are illustrated by the fact that only one Auburn hurler boasts an ERA below two, and Tiger pitchers have recorded only one shutout. Still, Auburn's young pitching staff has recorded 156 strikeouts to only 89 walks.

Offensively, Auburn has experienced far fewer problems. All-SEC first baseman Frank Thomas leads Tiger hitters with a .405 average and has also belted seven of the team's 12 home runs. Thomas also leads the squad in RBIs (29), slugging percentage (.859), and on-base percentage (.588). Left-fielder Clark Preble, also an All-SEC selection last season, leads the team in hits with 31 and is second in batting average at .365. Five other Tiger hitters are also hitting above the .300 mark, helping Auburn to a .310 team batting average and 173 runs scored so far.

Person, Barkley Named to SEC Team of '80s

In a recent poll taken among Southeastern Conference basketball coaches, Auburn was the only school to place more than one player on the "SEC Team of the '80s." The team was composed of the top five conference players of the decade, and two former Tigers were included on the elite list.

Charles Barkley, the Tigers' "round mound of rebound" at the center spot from 1982 to 1984 and now an NBA star with the Philadelphia 76ers, was selected as the center of the decade. Chuck Person, who led the Tigers to their only "elite eight" appearance in 1986, made the team at a forward spot. Also making the team were Dominique Wilkins of Georgia, Dale Ellis of Tennessee, and Kenny Walker of Kentucky.

Pietkiewicz Wins SEC Alum Award

Former Auburn basketball standout Stan Pietkiewicz '80 was honored at the SEC Tournament in Knoxville recently as a winner of the Maxwell House Coffee/Southeastern Conference Spirit Award for SEC alumni. The award was created to honor "athletes who have persevered through adversity and demonstrated the intangible quality of spirit regardless of the challenge they faced." Voting for the award was conducted by media regularly covering each school's basketball program.

Pietkiewicz was an All-SEC performer for Tiger Coach Bob Davis in 1978, averaging 19 points per contest. Chosen by the now defunct Buffalo Braves in the 10th round of the NBA draft that year, Pietkiewicz has since given up basketball and now works in commercial real estate in Maitland, Fla.

For Your Information

Nominees Sought For 1989 Walter Gilbert Award

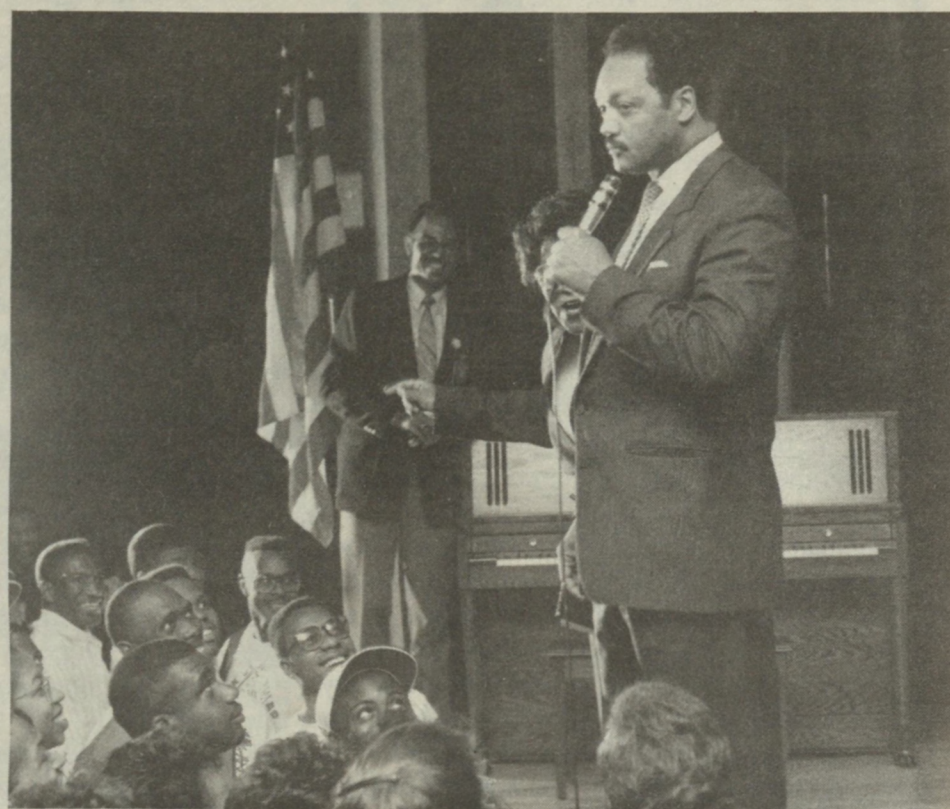
Nominees are now being sought for the 1989 Walter Gilbert Award—the highest honor the university can bestow on a former athlete. The award, given in memory of the late Walter Gilbert '37, a former Tiger center who later became vice president of Texaco's European oil operations, recognizes former Tiger athletes who have distinguished themselves and Auburn University through their achievements since graduation.

Deadline for submission of nominations for the 1989 award is April 15. For additional information, contact the Auburn Athletic Department at (205) 826-4750.

AU Octet Alums Plan Reunion

Members of the Auburn Men's Octet, which performed on campus from 1952 to 1960, are planning to hold a reunion either in summer or fall, according to the response they receive from octet alumni.

For more information on the reunion plans, former members of the group should contact either Mr. Wick Watkins, Auburn Octet Reunion, P.O. Box 42,



JACKSON ON CAMPUS—Jesse Jackson, Democratic candidate for president in the 1988 election, was on the Auburn campus recently to urge students to exercise their right to vote. Jackson told the students "the choice between hope and despair" lies in the hands of their generation.

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Auburn, AL 36830, phone (205) 821-7260; or Debbie Duncan, Auburn Alumni Association, 317 S. College St., Auburn University, AL 36849, phone (205) 844-ALUM.

Also planning a reunion around the A-Day game on Saturday, April 29, are members of the 1948 class of the School of Forestry. For more information about the forestry reunion, write Judge James H. Weeks '48, State of Georgia Superior Court, Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit, Decatur, GA 30030, or call (404) 371-2691.

Library Carrels, Study Rooms Available for Donor Naming

You need not be a millionaire to have your family's name honored for the ages at Auburn. Three hundred individual study carrels and 25 group study rooms will be available for naming when the addition to Ralph Brown Draughton Library is complete in 1990.

Carrels are available for naming for a \$1,000 gift to the library, while a \$5,000 gift will allow the donor to name a study room. "Many of us would love to donate a building to Auburn, but are not in a position to do so," said Jerry F. Smith '64, executive director of Alumni and Development. "We felt that offering these carrels and study rooms for individuals to name would allow them to further strengthen their bonds to Auburn as well as bring in more financial support for the library."

Gifts may be made immediately or over a five-year period. Once the pledge is complete, a plaque will be placed on the carrel or room doors commemorating the gift. The program, which could raise \$425,000 for the library, is on a first-come, first-serve basis, and previous donors to the library should have already received a brochure outlining the giving procedure. Checks should be made payable to the Auburn University Foundation. Those interested may call the Alumni Office at (205) 844-ALUM for more details.

The Baker's Dozens Plan Reunion Within Reunion

Auburn Players of the mid-50s era are planning a mini-reunion to be held in conjunction with the Auburn Players 75th anniversary reunion May 12-14. The 75th anniversary celebration is being sponsored by the Auburn Department of Theatre.

The mid-50s group named themselves the "Baker's Dozens and Friends" in honor of their former teacher and play director, Charles W. Baker. After leaving Auburn, Mr. Baker helped create and direct "The Fantasticks," the longest-running musical in world theatre history.

Approximately 200 students and faculty members were involved in productions set by Mr. Baker during his stay at Auburn, and invitations have been mailed to all those whose addresses could be located. Those not receiving an invitation, or needing more information, should contact Mrs. Sandra Sexton Kirkland, P.O. Box 517, Butler, AL 36904, or phone (205) 459-3841.

Architecture Class Of 1960, Forestry Class of 1948 Plan Spring Reunions

The Class of 1960 from the School of Architecture is planning a campus reunion to be held Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7. In addition to 1960 graduates, members of the classes of 1955 through 1959 are also welcome.

For more information on the reunion, write James Mount '60, 74 Park Circle, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30305.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Football Donors Weekend-
April 14-16, 1989

Reunion '89 - April 27-29, 1989

A-Day Game - April 29, 1989

Auburn Alumni Center Dedication-
May 6, 1989

Watch Your Mail for Details

Contact Debbie Duncan (205) 844-ALUM if you have any questions.

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